



U.N.'s Nikki Haley to leave in latest Trump shake-up

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WASHINGTON (AP) — In the latest shake-up for President Donald Trump's turbulent administration, U.N. Ambassador Nikki Haley abruptly announced Tuesday she is resigning at the end of the year, raising fresh questions about the Trump team and about the outspoken diplomat's own political ambitions.

The news blindsided some key U.S. allies and many congressional Republicans involved in foreign policy matters. And it came less than a month before congressional elections, thwarting White House efforts to project an image of stability, with the loss of one of the highest-profile women in the administration at a time when women's votes are being vigorously pursued.

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Outgoing U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Nikki Haley speaks during a meeting with President Donald Trump in the Oval Office of the White House, Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2018, in Washington.
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New law requires audit of failed FEMA hurricane contracts

By TAMI ABDOLLAH

Associated Press
WASHINGTON (AP) — A new law requires the Federal Emergency Management Agency to investigate how it came to award Hurricane Maria relief contracts to a company with an unproven record.

The Associated Press reported last year that the newly-formed contractor, Florida-based Bronze Star, LLC, won more than \$30 million in FEMA contracts but never delivered the emergency tarps and plastic sheeting for repairs of damaged homes in Puerto Rico. Democratic Rep. Sean Maloney of New York proposed the legislation, which was included in the Federal Aviation Administration reauthorization bill, citing the AP's reporting. The provision passed both houses overwhelmingly and was signed into law by President Donald Trump on Friday.

The law requires the Inspector General of the Homeland Security Department to begin an audit of the Bronze Star contract within



In this Oct. 19, 2017, file photo, homes in the Cantera area are covered with FEMA tarps, where buildings from the Hato Rey area stand in the background in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

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30 days and to issue a report to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs within 270 days. The review must look at the contracting and evaluation process, accountabil-

ity requirements and how the cancellation of the contracts affected the provision of supplies to people in need in Puerto Rico.

"The Trump Administration bungled the response to Hurricane Maria so badly that almost 3,000 people died - we need to get to the bottom of what happened, and that includes figuring out why we gave a \$30 million contract for necessary emergency supplies to people who didn't know what the hell they were doing," Maloney said in a statement. "This audit should be part of a com-

prehensive look at what this administration did wrong. We can't ever let this happen again."

Trump has praised his administration's response to Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico as "an incredible, unsung success."

Democrats on a Senate oversight committee found in April that FEMA failed to adequately research whether winning bidders could deliver as promised. FEMA awarded the company two contracts Oct. 10 to provide 500,000 tarps and 60,000 rolls of plastic sheeting. More than a

half dozen others also bid, but FEMA said it could not provide details about their identity or their bids.

It was not clear how thoroughly FEMA investigated Bronze Star or its ability to fulfill the contracts. Formed by two brothers in August, Bronze Star had never before won a government contract or delivered tarps or plastic sheeting. The company was formed less than two months before bidding on FEMA's tarp and sheeting contracts.

And the address listed for the business is a single-family home in a residential subdivision. Though both brothers are veterans, neither was awarded a Bronze Star, a medal earned by service members who serve heroically in combat.

One of Bronze Star's owners, Kayon Jones, told the AP previously that manufacturers he contacted before bidding on the contracts assured him they could provide the tarps but later said they could not meet the government's requirements. Jones said supplying the materials was problematic because most of the raw materials came out of Houston, which was hit hard by Hurricane Harvey. He said he sought a waiver from FEMA to allow him to order tarps from a Chinese manufacturer and for more time, but FEMA denied the request. □

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Report: Pentagon weapons systems vulnerable to cyber attacks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Defense Department weapons programs are vulnerable to cyberattacks, and the Pentagon has been slow to protect the systems which are increasingly reliant on computer networks and software, a federal report said Tuesday.

The U.S. Government Accountability Office said the Pentagon has worked to ensure its networks are secure, but only recently began to focus more on its weapons systems security. The audit, conducted between September 2017

and October 2018, found that there are "mounting challenges in protecting its weapons systems from increasingly sophisticated cyber threats."

Pentagon officials have acknowledged for years that the department, the military services and defense contractors are under persistent cyber probes and attacks, including from state actors seeking to steal data to gain an economic or technological advantage. The report doesn't name potential attackers, but it noted that some

"advanced threat actors" are aware of the vulnerabilities and "have well-funded units that focus on positioning themselves to potentially undermine U.S. capabilities." In other cases, the report said that testers — using simple tools and techniques — were able to take control of computer terminals and see what the operators were seeing in real time. Another team was able to send a pop-up message to the computer terminals "instructing them to insert two quarters to continue operating." □

NIKKI HALEY

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But Haley, the former South Carolina governor, has often been an unpredictable and independent force in the Trump administration. At times she has offered strikingly different perspectives on world events from her more isolationist-minded boss.

A smiling Haley announced her decision at an Oval Office meeting alongside the president, bringing up her own political prospects even as she underscored her continued support for Trump. Without prompting from reporters, she said she had no plans to run for president "in 2020" and would campaign for Trump.

Haley, who is 46 and not personally wealthy, hinted in her resignation letter to Trump that she is headed to the private sector.

"I have given everything I've got these last eight years," she said, referring to her six years as governor as well as her time at the U.N. "And I do think it's good to rotate in other people who can put that same energy and power into it."

Trump was asked why the announcement was made now since Haley is staying until the end of the year.

Instead of answering directly, he recounted how she has had to work on tough issues, such as Iran and North Korea.

White House officials had sought to put a hold on Trump's record-setting turnover in the run-up to the Nov. 6 elections, with aides being asked months ago to step down or commit to stay through Election Day to avoid adding to a sense of turmoil.

Still, the prospect of post-midterm changes continues to hang over the West Wing, and Haley's exit was one that has been discussed, according to a senior administration official not authorized to publicly discuss private conversations.

A number of officials speculated that the timing was meant to preserve the ambassador's own political future. A post in the Trump administration has proven to be a rickety stepping-stone to either lucrative private sector work or hopes

for higher office, and the risk to those ambitions might only increase after the elections if Democrats make significant gains in Congress.

Trump said Haley first discussed leaving with him six months ago. The senior official noted that their conversation coincided with the appointments of Mike Pompeo as secretary of state and John Bolton as national security adviser in an earlier upending of top foreign policy officials. Haley had expressed some frustration that her voice had been diminished as the two men became the aggressive new faces of Trump's international policy, the official said.

More recently, there was the awkward moment at the U.N., when Trump's boasting of American economic strength under his leadership brought laughter at a General Assembly session. He insisted later that the delegates were laughing with him, not at him.

The six-month timeline also coincides with a high-profile spat between Haley and the White House in April, when she drew the president's ire for previewing in a television appearance the administration's planned imposition of a new round of sanctions on Russia. When the sanctions never materialized, White House officials said the plans had changed without Haley being briefed, and economic adviser Larry Kudlow suggested she was confused.

"I don't get confused," Haley said in a sharply worded response to the West Wing. Haley was appointed to the U.N. post in November 2016 and last month coordinated Trump's second trip to the United Nations, including his first time chairing the Security Council.

A rookie to international politics, the former South Carolina governor was an unusual pick for to be U.N. envoy. "It was a blessing to go into the U.N. every day with body armor," Haley said, saying her job was to defend America on the world stage.

At the U.N., she helped spearhead the adminis-

tration's efforts to combat what it alleged to be anti-American and anti-Israel actions by the international body, including the U.S. decision to leave the Human Rights Council and to stop funding the U.N. agency for Palestinian Refugees.

Haley also secured three successively tougher Security Council sanction resolutions against North Korea — which the administration has credited with bringing Kim Jong Un to the negotiating table — and an arms embargo against South Sudan. But under Haley's tenure at the U.N., the U.S. has faced strong opposition from Russia when it comes to addressing the seven-year-old war in Syria, and frustration from European allies over reimposing nuclear sanctions against Iran. Trump told reporters aboard Air Force One he was considering five can-



didates for Haley's job and that a successor would be named in two to three weeks — or maybe sooner. Among those under consideration, Trump said, is former deputy national security adviser Dina Powell. Trump told reporters that he has heard his daughter Ivanka Trump's name discussed for the post, but said if he selected her he'd be accused of nepotism. In a tweet, the presidential

senior adviser and eldest daughter praised Haley, saying Trump will "nominate a formidable replacement for Ambassador."

She added: "That replacement will not be me."

U.S. Ambassador to Germany Richard Grenell's name has also been floated for the post, but Trump suggested he'd rather keep him in his current post "because he's doing such a good job." □

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By **RICHARD LARDNER**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — A push to give the Justice Department more enforcement authority over

the lucrative and at times shadowy world of foreign lobbying is stalled amid opposition from pro-business groups, nonprofits and privacy advocates.

Objections blunt momentum for foreign lobbying law overhaul

Organizations that range from the influential U.S. Chamber of Commerce to the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers have raised objections to legislation that would sharpen the teeth of the Foreign Agents Registration Act. The law, enacted 80 years ago to expose Nazi propaganda, requires people to disclose when they lobby in the U.S. on behalf of foreign governments or political entities. While there's bipartisan support for cracking down on unregistered foreign

agents, several of the changes proposed in congressional bills could backfire by sweeping in a host of unintended targets, according to critics. That pushback has effectively kept the legislation from advancing as lobbying groups press for revisions. One of the most contentious provisions would eliminate a popular loophole that permits lobbyists representing foreign commercial interests to be exempt from the law, known as FARA. That shift, one business group has warned, could extend the rigorous disclosure requirements to U.S. subsidiaries of global companies, stigmatizing them as foreign agents even though they employ thousands of Americans. Congressional interest in fortifying the law comes in the aftermath of Russia's meddling in the 2016 election and a special counsel investigation that's drawn greater attention to the inner workings of international influence peddling. Most recently, Paul Manafort, the former Trump campaign chairman, admitted in a plea deal that he'd failed to register as a foreign agent when he directed a lobbying operation for Ukrainian interests. Prosecutors said he concealed millions of dollars in income for the work from the IRS. Earlier this year, federal prosecutors unveiled an indictment against a Russian troll farm accused of interfering in the 2016 election through bogus Facebook posts that revealed how foreign parties can weaponize social media to influence public opinion. Yet criminal cases under FARA have been rare, with fewer than a dozen since 1966 as the Justice Department generally emphasized voluntary compliance over prosecution. Lawmakers supporting the bills say a 2016 inspector general's report found that the department lacked the tools it needed to properly

enforce FARA. A violation of the law is punishable by a fine or up to five years in prison. But the defense lawyers association and the Center for Democracy and Technology, a civil-liberties group, have declared that Fourth Amendment privacy protections would be undermined by a section of the bill that would expand the Justice Department's power to investigate possible violations of the law. And an alliance of non-governmental organizations called InterAction has urged lawmakers to repair vague and outdated provisions in the current law before passing a new one that strengthens the government's hand. These groups fear that the law, if not repaired, could leave nonprofits open "to possible politicized enforcement actions and attack," according to an open letter more than 40 members and partners of InterAction wrote earlier this year. The House version of the bill, sponsored by Rep. Mike Johnson, R-La., seemed to be on the fast track to passage in the GOP-led House after a committee approved it in January by a comfortable margin. Yet eight months later, it hasn't moved any further. Johnson described the objections as "overblown" and said he's hopeful the full House will vote on his bill before the end of the year. The House is in recess and won't return until after the Nov. 6 elections. "People in Washington are resistant to change," Johnson said. "The longer we wait to enact these reforms the more critical they become." An identical Senate bill, by Judiciary Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, is bottled up in the Foreign Relations Committee. Grassley charged last year that there has been "rampant disregard" of the law by foreign agents and "lackluster enforcement by federal authorities."



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Homeland Security to waive laws for South Texas border gates

By **NOMAAN MERCHANT,**
Associated Press

HOUSTON (AP) — The U.S. Department of Homeland Security said Tuesday that it will waive environmental laws so it can build gates between sections of border barriers in South Texas' Rio Grande Valley.

The waiver posted online lists 11 locations where the government plans to install gates in existing fencing. DHS has in recent months issued similar waivers of environmental laws for other projects to construct barriers along the southwest border.

The U.S. government already has around 700 miles (1,126 kilometers) of fencing on the southwest border. In far South Texas, segments of fencing stop and start along the levee built next to the Rio Grande, the river separating the U.S. and Mexico. Many parts of the fencing are built a significant distance from the river, in some cases bisect-

ing private property.

The proposed gates would seal some of those gaps in Cameron County. U.S. Customs and Border Protection typically grants affected residents access to the gates so they can get to the other side of their land.

The government also separately plans to begin building new barriers to fulfill President Donald Trump's signature campaign pledge to build a border wall. Congress earlier this year approved \$1.6 billion for new border wall spending, which included funding for 33 miles (53 kilometers) of construction in the Rio Grande Valley.

Some of the planned construction would cut through the National Butterfly Center and other environmentally sensitive areas. It may also leave some border town residents on the so-called "Mexican side," still on American land but cut off by a wall.

The valley is the busiest cor-



In this Aug. 11, 2017, file photo, a U.S. Customs and Border Patrol vehicle passes along a section of border levee wall in Hidalgo, Texas.

Associated Press

ridor for illegal border crossings, and U.S. government officials say it is targeted by human and drug traffickers.

In the waiver, DHS Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen writes that there is "an acute and immediate need to construct physical barriers and roads" along the border. Nielsen waived regulations under the Endangered Species

Act, the Clean Water Act, and about two dozen other laws.

The waiver "continues to chip away at crucial protections for people and wildlife in the Rio Grande Valley," said Laiken Jordahl of the Center for Biological Diversity.

"They deserve clean air, clean water and the same legal rights as everyone

else in the country."

Scott Nicol, a resident of the region who co-chairs the Sierra Club's Borderlands team, said it appeared several gates would affect access to farmland on the other side of existing fencing. But he said the government had not adequately informed residents or tried to have a community dialogue. □

Politically charged case heads to the Supreme Court

By **LARRY NEUMEISTER,**
NEW YORK (AP) — Newly sworn in Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh may face his first politically charged case after a federal appeals court on Tuesday ordered Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross to be deposed about putting a citizenship question on the 2020 census.

The 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New York said Ross can be deposed by lawyers who claim he

and others acted improperly. It gave the government two days to appeal to the high court.

A three-judge panel in Manhattan said a lower-court judge, Jesse M. Furman, made detailed factual findings supporting his conclusion that Ross likely possesses firsthand knowledge central to the claims. It also noted that three of Ross's aides indicated only the secretary himself could answer certain questions.

The Justice Department did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

The appeals court order came after a dozen states and big cities sued, saying that Ross acted improperly. They claim the citizenship question will discourage immigrants from participating, diluting political representation and federal dollars for states that tend to vote Democratic.

When Furman ruled last

month, he said the deposition must be limited to four hours.

He said it was necessary for Ross to answer questions because he was "personally and directly involved in the decision, and the unusual process leading to it, to an unusual degree."

The judge noted that Ross claimed in March when the decision to add the citizenship question was announced that he considered adding it after a

request to do so last December from the Justice Department. "The record developed thus far, however, casts grave doubt on those claims," the judge wrote. "There is something surprising, if not unsettling, about defendants' aggressive efforts to shield Secretary Ross from having to answer questions about his conduct in adding the citizenship question to the census questionnaire," Furman said. □

Marijuana backers look for Midwest breakthrough in November

By DAVID EGGERT
Associated Press

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Backers of broad marijuana legalization are looking to break through a geographic barrier in November and get their first foothold in the Midwest after a string of election victories in Northeastern and Western states.

Michigan and North Dakota, where voters previously authorized medical marijuana, will decide if the drug should be legal for any adult 21 and older. They would become the 10th and 11th states to legalize so-called recreational marijuana since 2012, lightning speed in political terms.

Meantime, Missouri and Utah will weigh medical marijuana, which is permitted in 31 states after voters in conservative Oklahoma approved such use in June. Even if Utah's initiative is defeated, a compromise reached last week between advocates and opponents including the Mormon church would have the Legislature legalize



In this Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2018, photo, a warning label from Utopia Gardens, a medical marijuana dispensary, is shown in Detroit.

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medical marijuana.

"We've kind of reached a critical mass of acceptance," said Rebecca Haffajee, a University of Michigan assistant professor of health management and policy. She said the country may be at a "breaking point" where change is inevitable at the federal level

because so many states are in conflict with U.S. policy that treats marijuana as a controlled substance like heroin.

"Generally, people either find a therapeutic benefit or enjoy the substance and want to do so without the fear of being a criminal for using it," Haffajee said.

Two years ago, voters in California approved a ballot measure creating the world's largest legal marijuana market. Oregon, Washington, Alaska, Colorado and Nevada are other Western states with legal marijuana for medical and personal uses. On the other side of the country, Massachusetts, Maine, Vermont and Washington, D.C., have legalized recreational marijuana, and every other Northeastern state has approved medical marijuana. In Michigan, surveys show the public's receptiveness to marijuana legalization tracks similarly with nationwide polling that finds about 60 percent support, according to Gallup and the Pew Research Center. The Washington-based Marijuana Policy Project was the driving force behind successful legalization initiatives in other states and has given at least \$444,000 for the Michigan ballot drive.

"The electorate is recognizing that prohibition doesn't work. There's also a growing societal acceptance of marijuana use on a personal level," said Matthew Schweich, the project's deputy director.

"Our culture has already legalized marijuana. Now it's a question of, 'How quickly will the laws catch up?'" added Schweich, also the

campaign director for the Michigan legalization effort, known as the Coalition to Regulate Marijuana Like Alcohol.

Midwest voters have considered recreational legalization just once before, in 2015, when Ohio overwhelmingly rejected it. Supporters said the result was more back lash against allowing only certain private investors to control growing facilities than opposition to marijuana.

Proponents of Michigan's measure say it would align with a new, strong regulatory system for medical marijuana businesses and add roughly \$130 million annually in tax revenue, specifically for road repairs, schools and municipalities. Military veterans and retired police officers are among those backing legalization in online ads that were launched Tuesday.

Critics say the Michigan proposal is out of step and cite provisions allowing a possession limit of 2.5 ounces (71 grams) that is higher than many other states and a 16 percent tax rate that is lower. Opponents include chambers of commerce and law enforcement groups along with doctors, the Catholic Church and organizations fighting substance abuse.

Randy Richardville, a former Republican legislative leader and spokesman for the opposition group Healthy and Productive Michigan, said adults — even those without serious health problems — already can easily obtain pot under the state's lax medical marijuana law. The ballot proposal, he said, would lead to a more "stoned" workforce, car crashes and crimes, and increased health risks for teens.

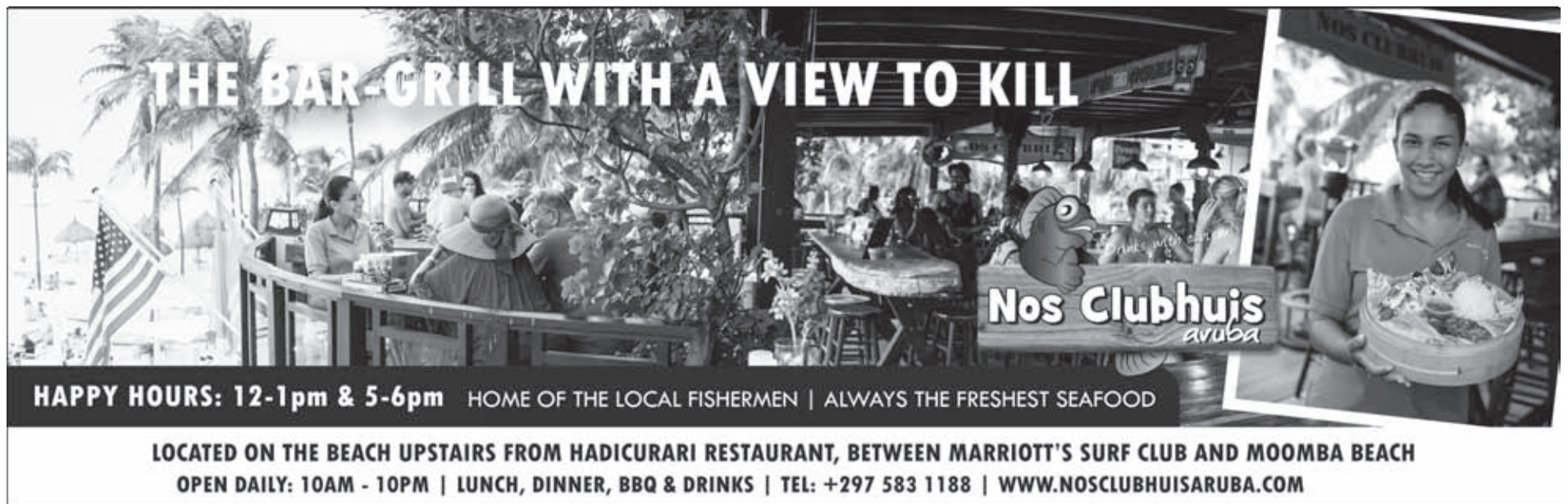
"This has nothing to do with a citizens' initiative with a whole bunch of people out there that said they would like to smoke marijuana recreationally and responsibly," Richardville said. "This is a special interest group that put up a lot of dollars so that they can sacrifice our kids' futures to make more money." □

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Stolen Stradivarius found after decades comes to life again

By VERENA DOBNIK
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — The Stradivarius stolen from the late violinist Roman Totenberg and miraculously found more than three decades later has a new life — under the chin of a budding 18-year-old virtuoso. On Tuesday in New York, his three daughters presented the multimillion-dollar instrument on long-term loan to Juilliard student Nathan Meltzer.

Jill Totenberg says she and her sisters, Nina and Amy, "can now go to listen to our father" — as if the Polish-born American violinist were playing again. "And once again, the

beautiful, brilliant and throaty voice of that long-stilled violin will thrill audiences in concert halls around the world," says Nina Totenberg, who with her sisters joined Meltzer at Rare Violins in New York, a world-class dealer that restored Totenberg's violin after years of neglect.

The 18th century instrument was snatched in 1980 from Totenberg's dressing room after a concert in Cambridge, Massachusetts. It was recovered in 2015, after his death, among a former student's belongings. The man's ex-wife discovered it and tried to sell it, not knowing it had been stolen until an expert con-

tacted the FBI.

The decadeslong theft saga ended when then-U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara in Manhattan returned the instrument to the Totenberg family familiar with it since they were children.

"It was there when I was born," Nina Totenberg said. An anonymous benefactor then purchased it and made sure the public would again hear its sound. The so-called "Ames" Stradivarius — named after a previous owner — "is one of the most fantastic examples of the late work of Antonio Stradivari; it's a large instrument, so it needs somebody who is strong yet gentle to play it," said



In this photo provided by Chris Lee, Juilliard student Nathan Meltzer, recipient of the "Ames, Totenberg" Stradivari of 1734, plays the instrument in New York on Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2018.

Associated Press

Bruno Price, the co-founder of Rare Violins. "You need to have the strength to pull out the full sound, but you can't crush it."

A strapping, 6-foot teenager, Meltzer meets those criteria, said Price, adding, "He says the violin is waking up as he's plays it."

Meltzer has performed

around the United States and abroad, from London and Paris to Israel and Brazil.

The loan to Meltzer, a student of violinist Itzhak Perlman, is part of a program created by Rare Violins of New York to match wealthy benefactors with promising young musicians. □

Investigators want to know who left gator in Lake Michigan

WAUKEGAN, Ill. (AP) — Authorities don't know who dumped a 4-foot-long reptile into Lake Michigan, but they now know what kind it is.

After initially believing the animal spotted Monday swimming near Waukegan, Illinois, by a startled kayaker was a caiman, officials now say it is actually an alligator. Either way, it had no business paddling around the suburban Chicago shoreline. Waukegan spokesman David Motley said Tuesday that animal control officers are trying to determine who abandoned the creature, which was found with its mouth kept shut by rubber bands.

Motley said officials thought the animal was a caiman for much of Monday, but Rob Carmichael, curator of the Wildlife Discovery Center in nearby Lake Forest, later told him it was a female alligator.

The two species look similar, but an alligator's snout is more rounded and only its upper teeth can be seen when its mouth is closed, whereas a caiman's upper and lower teeth can be seen, said Andrew Biddle, the head of reptiles at Wild Florida Airboats & Gator Park in Kenansville, Florida. Carmichael said an alligator would be more capable than a caiman of handling the cold water



This Monday, Oct. 8, 2018, photo provided by the City of Waukegan, Ill., shows Nicole Garza, an animal control officer for Waukegan police, holding down a 4-foot alligator in a van outside city hall after animal control workers helped capture it from Lake Michigan.

Associated Press

of Lake Michigan and that the one rescued Monday could have been swimming around for weeks. He said it could have done this with its mouth shut because alligators can go months without food.

Carmichael said that although the rescued gator is weak, she has a pretty good chance to survive if she can get through the next few days.

This isn't the first time someone dropped off a wild animal on or in Lake Michigan, Motley said, pointing to a 2012 incident in which someone abandoned a 14-foot python on the lakefront. □



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Dutch appeals court upholds landmark climate case ruling

By **MIKE CORDER**
Associated Press

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — A Dutch appeals court on Tuesday upheld a landmark ruling that ordered the government to cut greenhouse gas emissions by at least 25 percent by 2020 from benchmark 1990 levels.

The Netherlands, known for its historic reliance on windmills and ongoing use of bicycles, already is working to cut emissions, but the court said that the country needs to do more.

"Considering the great dangers that are likely to occur, more ambitious measures have to be taken in the short term to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in order to protect the life and family life of citizens in the Netherlands," the court said in a statement.

The original June 2015 ruling came in a case brought by the environmental group Urgenda on behalf of 900 Dutch citizens. Similar cases are now underway in several countries around the world.

Cheers and applause rang out around the packed courtroom as Hague Appeals Court Presiding Judge Marie-Anne Tan-de Sonnaville rejected the government's appeal.

The ruling came a day after the Nobel Prize-winning Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change issued an urgent report saying that preventing even just an extra single degree of heat in Earth's climate could make a life-or-death difference in the next few decades for multitudes of people and ecosystems.

Marjan Minnesma of Ur-



Lawyers representing Urgenda, left, and the Dutch Government, right, rise as presiding judge Marie-Anne Tan-de Sonnaville, rear center right, enters the appeals court in The Hague, Netherlands, Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2018.

Associated Press

genda hailed the Dutch ruling as a significant victory that will boost similar legal initiatives elsewhere in the world.

"We won on every single point. And it was a very

good explanation of the urgency of what is necessary and that states in industrial countries should do between a 25-40 percent CO2 reduction," Minnesma said after the ruling.

She said the court "clearly said that climate change is a very urgent problem with enormous risks so the state should do at least the minimum."

Since the original judgment, a new Dutch government has pledged to reduce emissions by 49 percent by 2030, but it has yet to nail down exactly how to reach that target and how to foot the bill.

Urgenda argues that the government — and other countries — need to do more sooner than 2030 to prevent serious consequences of climate change.

Minnesma had a few suggestions for lawmakers, such as lowering the maximum speeds on some Dutch highways and shutting down coal-fired power stations. □

Syrian president grants general amnesty to army deserters



In this Sunday, Sept. 9, 2018 file photo, fighters with the Free Syrian army eat in a cave where they live, on the outskirts of the northern town of Jisr al-Shughur, Syria, west of the city of Idlib.

Associated Press

By **BASSEM MROUE**
Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) — Syrian President Bashar Assad granted general amnesty on Tuesday to army deserters both within Syria and outside the country, a move that could boost the return of refugees

who fled violence in their war-torn country.

The decree, published by state media, said the amnesty did not include "criminals" and those on the run unless they turn themselves in to authorities. Deserters in Syria have four months to

do so; those abroad have six months.

Since Syria's conflict began in March 2011, tens of thousands of soldiers have either deserted their posts or defected and joined rebels trying to remove Assad from power. The amnesty also includes draft dodgers. The new amnesty does not include army defectors, some of whom are still fighting against the government, mostly in the northwestern province of Idlib, the last major rebel stronghold in the country.

The amnesty could encourage the return of refugees, some of whom have not been able to go back home because they were blacklisted for running away from military service. Other men have feared that if they return they will be punished or forced to

join the military.

More than 5 million Syrians have fled their country since the conflict began, while millions of others have been internally displaced. The seven-year war has also killed more than 400,000 people and left more than a million wounded.

The decree comes at a time when government forces have managed over the past year to capture wide areas once held by insurgents, including in southern Syria and the eastern suburbs of the capital, Damascus. In some areas, the government reached reconciliation deals with rebels who were given amnesty in return for laying down their arms.

The flashpoint in Syria is now in Idlib, where insurgents have been withdrawing their heavy weapons

from a demilitarized zone agreed upon by Turkey and Russia last month. The deal sought to avoid a wide government offensive on the province.

On Monday, Turkey's official news agency reported that Syrian rebels finished withdrawing all their heavy weapons from the front lines in implementation of the deal reached last month that's expected to demilitarize a stretch of 15-20 kilometers (9-12 miles) along the front lines by Oct. 15.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, a war monitor, said all the area along the front lines in Idlib are now free of heavy weapons after rebels and other militant groups, including al-Qaida-linked fighters, have removed or hidden their heavy arms. □



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US student detained in Israel over alleged boycott support

By ISABEL DEBRE
Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP) — In a groundbreaking case, Israel has detained an American graduate student at its international airport for the past week, accusing her of supporting a Palestinian-led boycott campaign against the Jewish state. The case highlights Israel's concerns about the boycott movement and the great efforts it has made to stop it. The grassroots campaign has made significant inroads in recent years, particularly among university students and millennials.

Lara Alqasem, a 22-year-old U.S. citizen with Palestinian grandparents, landed at Ben-Gurion Airport last Tuesday with a valid student visa. But she was barred from entering the country and ordered deported, based on suspicions she is a boycott supporter.

An Israeli court has ordered that she remain in custody while she appeals. The weeklong detention is the longest anyone has been held in a boycott-related case, and it was not immediately clear on Tuesday when a final decision would be made.

In the meantime, she has been spending her days in a closed area with little access to a telephone, no internet and a bed that was infested with bedbugs, according to people who have spoken to her.

Alqasem, from the Fort Lauderdale suburb of Southwest Ranches, Florida, is a former president of the



This undated photo provided by Alqasem family shows Lara Alqasem, a 22-year-old American graduate student with Palestinian grandparents, who landed at Ben-Gurion Airport Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2018, with a valid student visa.

University of Florida chapter of Students for Justice in Palestine. The group is a branch of the BDS movement, whose name comes from its calls for boycotts, divestment and sanctions against Israel.

BDS supporters say that in urging businesses, artists and universities to sever ties with Israel, they are using nonviolent means to resist unjust policies toward Palestinians. Israel says the movement masks its motives to delegitimize or destroy the Jewish state.

"Lara served as president of a chapter of one of the most extreme and hate-

filled anti-Israel BDS groups in the U.S.," said Strategic Affairs Minister Gilad Erdan, who spearheads the Israeli government's efforts against the boycott movement. "Israel will not allow entry to those who work to harm the country, whatever their excuse."

The ministry said that during Alqasem's involvement with Students for Justice in Palestine, the club advocated a boycott against Sabra hummus, an Israeli-owned brand of chickpea dip.

On Tuesday, Erdan floated a possible compromise, saying in a radio interview

that he would rethink his decision to expel her if she apologizes and renounces her support for BDS.

"If Lara Alqasem will tomorrow in her own voice, not through all kinds of lawyers or statements that can be misconstrued, say that support for BDS is not legitimate and she regrets what she did, we will certainly reconsider our position," he said. Israel enacted a law last year banning any foreigner who "knowingly issues a public call for boycotting Israel" from entering the country. It also has identified 20 activist groups from around the world whose

members can be denied entry upon arrival. It so far has blocked 15 people from entering, according to Erdan's ministry.

The ministry uses a variety of sources to identify BDS activists, including tips from informants and social media posts. The ministry says its suspicions were deepened after learning that Alqasem recently deleted all of her social media accounts.

In her appeal, Alqasem has argued that she never actively participated in boycott campaigns, and promised the court that she would not promote them in the future.

"We're talking about someone who simply wants to study in Israel, who is not boycotting anything," said her lawyer, Yotam Ben-Hillel. "She's not even part of the student organization anymore."

Alqasem is registered to study human rights at Israel's Hebrew University in Jerusalem. The university has thrown its support behind her, announcing on Monday it would join Alqasem's appeal.

She also received a boost from her former Hebrew professor at the University of Florida, who described her as an exceptional and curious student. In a letter to the Israeli newspaper Haaretz, Dror Abend-David said she had an "open and positive attitude toward Judaism, Jews, and the State of Israel."

In an interview from Florida, her mother, Karen Alqasem, affirmed her daughter's tolerance and intellectual drive. □

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Russian influence rising in Balkans, Baltics, Central Europe

By DUSAN STOJANOVIC

Associated Press

BELGRADE, Serbia (AP) — A

week before a crucial election, Bosnian Serb leader Milorad Dodik traveled to Russia for a Formula One race — not because he's a big fan but for yet another meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Footage from the race in Sochi showed Putin wishing Dodik "great success" in the Bosnian election and the Serb presenting Putin with a Republika Srpska pin, the Serb-controlled autonomous region in Bosnia.

The video was a blatant display of Russia influence in one of Europe's most sensitive regions — the fragile Balkans — where the West has sought to encourage reconciliation and reform after a brutal ethnic war in the 1990s.

The brief photo opportunity with Putin helped Dodik win the race to fill the Serb seat in Bosnia's three-member presidency on Sunday, deepening the ethnic divisions that have held Bosnia back since its devastating 1992-1995 war.

Dodik openly advocates having Serbs separate from the rest of Bosnia and has been sanctioned by the U.S. for his policies. But he has proven to be a key ally in Moscow's efforts to undermine the Western policies of Balkan integration. While Russian influence is the most obvious in the Balkans, an upsurge of populism in Central Europe has also played into Moscow's hands, providing sympathetic political parties and politicians across the continent, including in European Union nations like Hungary,



In this Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2016 file photo, a woman passes by graffiti depicting the Russian President Vladimir Putin in a suburb of Belgrade, Serbia.

Associated Press

Austria and the Czech Republic.

Pro-Russia forces also did well in another corner of Europe. In Latvia, an opposition party favored by the country's large ethnic Russian minority got the most votes Saturday in the Baltic nation's parliamentary election, although the party is expected to run into difficulties in trying to form a coalition government.

Latvia's Russian minority is a major domestic political force, accounting for about 25 percent of its nearly 2 million people, a legacy of nearly 50 years of Soviet occupation that ended in 1991.

Dodik's victory in Bosnia further strengthened Moscow's foothold in the Western Balkans, since he can now block any strategic decision — if Putin says so.

Russia staunchly opposes any more Balkan countries joining NATO. Western officials have expressed fear that Russia has used its historic Slavic and Orthodox Christian ties in the region to undermine Western policies of integration.

Sarajevo-based political analyst Adan Huskic said Moscow's influence was also growing in the parts of Europe that don't have those identity links.

What these countries have in common are "high levels of nepotism, corruption" so bonding more closely with Western democracies is "by nature, very difficult for them," he said.

Russia's strategic aim is not to assert authority over the Balkans but to "harness and magnify existing tensions," the European Council on Foreign Relations said in a

report.

"In Russian eyes, the EU's approach toward the Western Balkans is neither serious nor systematic, and so offers Moscow opportunities to create leverage," the report added.

Russian allies in the Balkans have been actively sowing mistrust in Western democracies, presenting Washington and Brussels as enemies who want to strip nations of their identity and national pride by pushing for EU integration.

Dodik is a perfect example. For him, the West and NATO are enemies while Russia is a friend full of respect for the Slavic "brethren."

Absorbed in own problems — the euro debt crisis, immigration or Britain's impending Brexit departure — the EU for years has neglected the Balkans. Alarmed,

some EU officials now fear that Balkans could plunge into renewed conflict unless it's quickly embraced by the 28-nation bloc.

"If such a complex European region gets an impression that we are not serious with the European perspective, we will experience, sooner rather than later, what we saw in the Balkans during the 1990s," European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker recently said. Those fears are not groundless. Tensions between Serbia and its former province of Kosovo, which declared independence in 2008, have been on the rise despite efforts by the EU to hammer out a lasting solution between the two former war foes. Belgrade raised the combat readiness of its troops two weeks ago over Kosovo special police presence in its Serb-populated north. In Macedonia, U.S. and EU hopes for swift passage of a deal between Macedonia and Greece to change Macedonia's name to North Macedonia so it can join NATO suffered a blow when a Sept. 30 referendum on the name saw low turnout. The vote result raised fears of instability in the country that was on the brink of a civil war in 2001.

U.S. Defense Secretary James Mattis saw Russian influence behind some Macedonia and Greek protests against the move. "We do not want to see Russia doing (in Macedonia) what they have tried to do in so many other countries," he said last month.

Russia has denied meddling in any Balkan or Baltic country. □



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Seoul says Kim Jong Un wants Pope Francis to visit N. Korea

By KIM TONG-HYUNG

Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korean leader Kim Jong Un wants Pope Francis to visit the officially atheist country, South Korea said Tuesday.

South Korea's presidential office said in a statement that Kim told President Moon Jae-in during their summit last month that the pope would be "enthusiastically" welcomed in North Korea.

Kim has been intensely engaged in diplomacy in recent months in what's seen as an effort to leverage his nuclear weapons program for an easing of economic sanctions and military pressure.

North Korea strictly controls the religious activities of its people, and a similar invitation for then-Pope John Paul II to visit after a 2000 inter-Korean summit never resulted in a meeting. The Vatican insisted at the time that a papal visit would only be possible if Catholic priests were accepted in North Korea.

Moon plans to convey Kim's



In this Sept. 19, 2018, file photo, North Korean leader Kim Jong Un speaks during a joint press conference with South Korean President Moon Jae-in at the Paekhwawon State Guesthouse in Pyongyang, North Korea.

Associated Press

desire for a papal visit when he travels to the Vatican next week. Moon said on Monday that he expects Kim to visit Russia soon and possibly hold a summit with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe.

The Vatican did not com-

ment on the possibility of a papal visit. But immediately after the news, the Vatican press office released a statement confirming that the pope would receive South Korea's president in an audience at the Vatican on Oct. 18.

Vatican spokesman Greg Burke said the audience will come a day after the Vatican secretary of state, Cardinal Pietro Parolin, celebrates a Mass for peace on the Korean Peninsula in St. Peter's Basilica, where Moon will participate.

Francis visited South Korea in August 2014. On the plane ride back to Rome, he expressed hope that the divisions would be overcome, saying "the two Koreas are brothers, they speak the same language." "When you speak the same language it is because you have the same mother, and this gives us hope," the pope said. "The suffering of the division is great, and I understand this and pray that it ends."

North Korea's reported overture comes a few weeks after the Vatican signed a landmark deal with Communist China, North Korea's closest ally, over bishop nominations, aimed at ending decades of tensions that contributed to dividing the Chinese church and hampered efforts at improving relations between China and the Vatican.

Paolo Affatato, the Asia editor for Fides Catholic news agency, said a visit by the pope to North Korea would "provide concrete support for the peace process" on the Korean Peninsula. □



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Questions, condemnations of Venezuela dissident's death

By SCOTT SMITH
FABIOLA SANCHEZ
Associated Press
CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)

— Questions and condemnation of Venezuela's leadership poured in Tuesday following the suspicious death of an opposition activist who authorities say evaded justice by throwing himself from the 10th floor of a police building. Fernando Alban was arrested Friday at Caracas' international airport upon arrival from a trip to New York to galvanize world opinion against President Nicolas Maduro's socialist government.

The country's chief prosecutor said that Alban killed himself Monday by leaping from the 10th floor of the state police agency's headquarters, where he was being held for alleged involvement in an international plot to kill Maduro using explosive-laden drones. But opposition leaders, backed by several foreign governments, have cast doubt on the official version, and accused Maduro's government of torture and murdering the politician.

The U.S. State Department said it condemns what it



Staff members of jailed councilman Fernando Alberto Alban Salazar embrace outside the Bolivarian National Security Service (SEBIN) headquarters in Caracas, Venezuela, Monday, Oct. 8, 2018. Associated Press

called a human rights violation, while Spain's leftist government called for consultations the Venezuelan ambassador in Madrid over the death.

Meanwhile, the United Nations urged officials in Caracas to launch an impartial probe to resolve the conflicting versions of how Alban died.

"There are so many different reports and quite a lot of speculation on exactly

what happened," said Ravina Shamdasani of the U.N.'s top human rights office in Geneva. "Whether Mr. Alban committed suicide, whether he was thrown, or what exactly happened."

As international criticism of Maduro's government grew, Alban's family, fellow politicians and family members of other jailed activists paid a final tribute to him Tuesday in a ceremony at

the opposition-controlled Congress.

A who's who of opposition leaders took turns filing past Alban's casket, draped in the Venezuelan flag, while his grief-stricken sister placed a framed portrait of her deeply religious brother shadowed by an image of Jesus Christ.

Hours after his death, a few dozen of Alban's supporters gathered outside the police building yelling "Mad-

uro killer!" contending that he had been murdered. They later assembled outside Caracas' morgue to demand his body be handed over as rumors spread he would be cremated to hide evidence of possible torture.

"There's no doubt this was an assassination," opposition leader Julio Borges said in a video from exile in neighboring Colombia, without providing evidence of his claim. "The only thing left for this government is torture, violence and destruction."

While dozens of youths were killed in violent street battles with security forces last year, the death of government opponents while in state custody came as a shock to many Venezuelans, something akin to the far deadlier, right-wing dictatorships that dominated South America in the 1970s that Maduro frequently denounces.

The opposition claims that more than 100 Venezuelans opposed to Maduro are being held as "political prisoners," some for more than four years, with little access to the outside world and their legal rights routinely trampled on. □

Former Guatemala vice president sentenced in corruption case

By SONIA PEREZ D.
GUATEMALA CITY (AP) —

Former Guatemalan Vice President Roxana Baldetti was sentenced to more than 15 years in prison Tuesday for involvement in a fraudulent state contract to decontaminate a major lake.

Prosecutors backed by a U.N. anti-corruption commission accused Baldetti and 12 other people of conspiring to grant an \$18 million contract to clean up Lake Amatitlan to Israel-based M. Tarcic Engineering Ltd.

The company said it had a special formula that could clean the lake within months. But investigators determined the company used a substance that was merely water, salt and



Guatemala's former Vice President Roxana Baldetti waits for the start of one of her several corruption trials in Guatemala City, Monday, Oct. 8, 2018. Associated Press

chlorine.

Judge Pablo Xitumul read the 15 year and 6 month sentence on the 55-year-old Baldetti for illegal association, fraud and influence trafficking. He called

her "the big chief" of the plan.

The Israeli company's representative, Uri Roitman, was sentenced to 11 years for fraud and illegal association.

Baldetti has consistently denied wrongdoing. She resigned from the vice presidency in 2015 while facing corruption charges in a separate case. Former President Otto Perez Molina was forced to step down shortly afterward and remains in jail awaiting trial. Baldetti also faces drug trafficking charges in the United States. A Guatemalan court last year approved a request to extradite her after several cases in Guatemala are resolved. The U.S. federal court indictment alleges Baldetti and others conspired to traffic cocaine to the U.S. between 2010 and 2015.

The sentence is an example of how the U.N.-backed anti-corruption commission has been able to help pros-

ecutors reach the previously untouchable upper echelons of Guatemalan power.

President Jimmy Morales last month railed against the commission during a speech at the United Nations and has banned the commission's chief, Ivan Velasquez, from re-entering the country.

Morales had earlier announced that the commission would not have its mission extended beyond its current mandate that ends in September 2019.

Guatemalan prosecutors with the commission's support have three times sought to have Morales stripped of his immunity so that he can be investigated for alleged illicit campaign finance. □

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Aruba's House of Culture celebrates 60-st Jubilee with two Events: Conference for the Performing Arts & Gala Concert

ORANJESTAD — Cas di Cultura (CDC) means House of Culture and it's also our national theatre. This year they're celebrating their 60th jubilee while our nation's Department of Culture (DCA) will have its 40th jubilee. They will organize two big events. On Friday, there will be the 1st Conference for Performing Arts and Saturday evening you will have the opportunity to enjoy a Gala Concert.

At the Conference for the Performing Arts, called Arte di Tarima, you'll hear about the benefits of the arts for many aspects of a community: social, educational, economic, beautifying life and more. Be inspired and moved by best practices and acts and meet friends and new interesting people. Let's start a dialogue! The goal of the conference is to present practices on how art can promote societal development. The idea behind this is that CDC and DCA promote themselves

as institutes that stimulate the knowledge of the arts, the execution level of the arts, the offerings and the organization of the arts. Besides that the meta-level plays a role in encouraging the dialogue about the arts and culture in Aruba, in an integral way with other cultural actors and the educational and social sectors.

Speakers

Five orators will elaborate on how art and culture are manifested within the societies they live and how they use them both as tools to progress individuals, groups and their environment. The speakers and their topics:

- Imara Thomas (NL/AUA), professional opera soprano working in Germany at the "Deutsche Oper am Rhein - Düsseldorf". Topic: "How to distinguish yourself as an artist to break through".
- Clayde Menso (NL), director of Amerpodia leading 4 theaters in Am-

sterdam. Topic: "The function of the theater as a platform, rethinking old models and connecting with the audience as a platform but also as an art provider".

- SegniBernadina (CUR/BON), ex director of Teatro Luna BlouCuraçao, now leading the Bonaire YOFArts Program. Topic: "For the love of Art and the Art of love: art to create beautiful human beings from the inside out".

- Belinda Boyd (USA), Associate Professor at the University of Central Florida in the drama department: voice coach, acting, directing and a coach at Disney. Topic: "Art as a tool for social change".

- Albert Arens (SUR), director of Suriname School of Talent. Topic: "Music as a powerful tool for the development of children".

- Xiomara Ruiz Maduro (AUA), Minister of Finance, Economy and Culture will open the day by stating her vision of Arts and Culture in Aruba.



Imara Thomas & Princes Laurentien

- Joan Danies (AUA), teacher at the Dept. of Well Being at EPI associate degree school, studied social work and drama. She'll be speaking through theater about theater as a genre.

- Alice van Romondt (AUA), accomplished stimulator of the arts, vice president of the PrinsBernhards Foundation for the Arts Caribbean. She will be wrapping up the day, summarizing all the things said and give her reflection upon where to go from here.

- Tito Bolivar (AUA), director of ARTISA, organizer of the Aruba Art Fair. Topic "Organizing Aruba Art Fair, a different stage

with different challenges and benefits".

- Michael Lampe (AUA), Bachelor of Arts Music Technology, currently member of Parliament and musical director of DATA-PANIK, the official band of the Conference. Topic: "The strength of authenticity for the formation of your identity".

- Vicky Arens (AUA), director of Cas di Cultura, main organizer of the conference. Topic: "When it comes to art, more is better: analyzing Aruba's cultural numbers

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There will be music, theatre and inspiring videos of young professional Aruba artists and art students. The conference will offer a high quality program and is meant for everybody who has affinity with arts, ranging from teachers to lead-

ers of cultural, educational and social affairs to those working in the creative industry to professional and amateur artists as well as all that have a common interest to learn something new.

Gala Concert

The Gala Concert on Sat-

urday evening is not only a jubilee celebration but also a celebration of local talent, a 'feel good' evening to enjoy new and special arrangements executed by a ten-headed band inclusive four strings and a choir of twelve. Ten invited singers will perform and there

will also be some surprises including interactive moments. Afterwards the garden will host a cozy garden party with a band and DJ.

At significant moments like this is where we need to stand still and be proud of the two cultural institutions, CDC and DCA, who strived all these years in order to put culture on the map. Together they are delivering a cultural service to the community for already 100 years and that is worth a big celebration.

The conference will be in English, you can register between 8am and 8.45am. The program begins at 9am. You may also register today at Cas di Cultura, Superfood or Van Dorp Dakota to secure your seat, or online via this link: <https://form.jotform.co/Casdi-cultura/DCA-eventonanc100>. For more information please consult the Facebook pages of Cas di Cultura or DCA or call + 297 582 010. □



A perfect holiday for Monique, Jacqueline and Jessie

PALM BEACH — Monique, Jacqueline and Jessie make a lovely trio: they are on Aruba for the second time, celebrating a birthday at Nos Clubhuis.

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The first Donkey Calendar 2019 was for Angela Tiemens of Fresh FM

ORANJESTAD — As is our tradition, the first Donkey Calendar 2019 is officially given to a famous Aruban on World Animal Day, October 4th. This year it was Angela Tiemens, who is well-known for her radio program 'Angela's Happy Hour' on Fresh FM.

But besides that Angela is very busy with her Facebook account 'Lost and Found'. On Lost and Found, pet owners are hopefully be reunited with their lost furry (or non-furry) friends. Angela is a true animal lover and that is why she is a more than worthy recipient of the calendar. She was very pleased indeed to receive the calendar during her live program.

Once again, the Donkey Calendar is a beauty. The lay-out is by Joost Horward (Adcetera) and photography is by Luc Peek. It has been printed in full color, on glossy, A-3 size paper.

The sponsors, mentioned on the calendar pages, pay for the calendar and thus the proceeds go entirely towards the donkey sanctuary. It is one of the many fundraising activities of the volunteers of the sanctuary: taking care of a herd of more than 130 donkeys costs a whole lot of money. Fortunately there are quite some companies and private sponsors who are actively supporting the Donkey Sanctuary on Aruba.

The gorgeous calendar is for sale for AWG. 25,- at SuperFood, veterinarian Contreras, En Vogue Coiffures and of course at the Donkey Sanctuary at Brinamosa. ☐



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tion achievements after recently announcing it was the first certified resort in the Caribbean to achieve carbon neutrality.

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A weekly calendar with a selection of what's going on in Aruba



Wednesday 10

Makerspace (soft opening)

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- Starts at 7 PM TILL 10:30 PM
- University of Aruba Garden, Oranjestad
- Website University of Aruba

Thursday 11

Secret to Success

- JCI Young Active Leaders of Aruba (JCI YALA) proudly presents a Fundraising Training. Don't miss the opportunity to learn the techniques and secrets to be successful in life with conducted by a well-known Psychology Coach, Yithza Davelaar.
- From 9 AM till 11 AM
- University of Aruba, Oranjestad
- Facebook JCI YALA - Young Active Leaders of Aruba



Friday 12

Conference Performing Arts

- At the Conference for the Performing Arts you'll hear talks about the benefits of the arts for many aspects of a community: social, educational, economical, beautifying life and more. Be inspired and moved by best practices and acts and meet friends and new interesting people. Let's start a dialogue!
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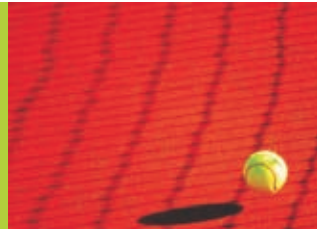
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SPORTS



NBA coaches box get a little more diverse during offseason

By BRIAN MAHONEY

The NBA coaching box is looking far more diverse these days.

When the season starts next week, there will be the league's first head coach born and raised outside North America and the first Hispanic-American full-time head coach. And there's a real chance that before long, someone like Becky Hammon could become the first woman to lead a NBA club.

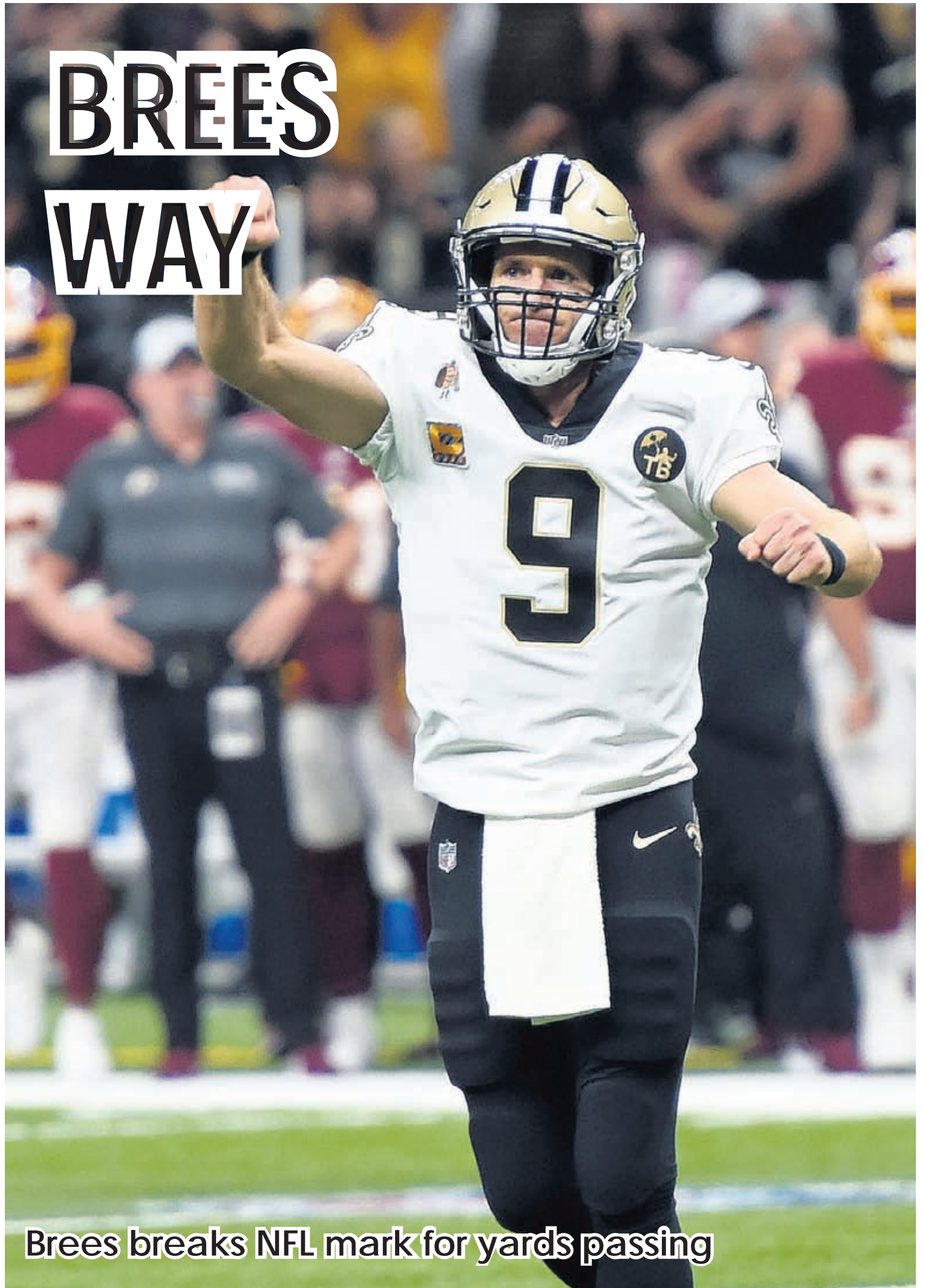
In a league where minorities make up the overwhelming majority of stars on the floor, there's still a movement to make those same diverse strides in who is calling the shots on the sideline.

"The league is starting to move in a direction with the coaches of being more diverse," said Memphis coach J.B. Bickerstaff, whose father also was a head coach in the NBA. "And it's just about opportunity and everybody wants an equal playing field. And I think when you get an equal playing field you know people from all backgrounds can rise to the occasion."

That's what the Suns believed when they hired Igor Kokoskov, a native of Serbia, and the Charlotte Hornets did when they tabbed James Borrego — the league's first full-time Hispanic coach. Borrego's whose seat on the front row of the Spurs' bench was inherited by Hammon after she was promoted by San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich — after a summer where Hammon was a candidate to take over in Milwaukee.

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BREES WAY



Brees breaks NFL mark for yards passing

New Orleans Saints quarterback Drew Brees (9) reacts to a touchdown carry by running back Mark Ingram, not pictured, in the first half of an NFL football game against the Washington Redskins in New Orleans, Monday, Oct. 8, 2018.

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Brooks Koepka voted PGA Tour's top player of the year

By DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

U.S. Open and PGA champion Brooks Koepka added to his trophy collection Tuesday when he picked up the Jack Nicklaus Award trophy as the PGA Tour player of the year.

Koepka is the sixth player in the last six years to win the award, the longest streak of different winners since PGA Tour players began voting on the award in 1990.

Along with winning two majors, Koepka said he was most proud of his attitude when he wasn't playing. He missed four months at the start of the year recovering from a partially torn tendon in his left wrist but then made up for lost time in a big way.

"I was down when I was missing everything," Koepka said. "I tried to have the most positive spin on it when I was home. It did stink. It was the worst, emotionally tough times for me. Sometimes when I would question it, I kept saying: 'I'll do it. I'll be fine.' Good news or bad news, I had positive energy."

In his fourth tournament back, he was runner-up at Colonial. Three weeks later, he held off Dustin Johnson

at Shinnecock Hills to win the U.S. Open for the second straight year, becoming the first back-to-back U.S. Open champion since Curtis Strange in 1988 and 1989.

Two months later, Koepka held off Tiger Woods amid ear-splitting roars on the back nine at Bellerive to win the PGA Championship by two shots. Koepka tied a major championship record by finishing at 264.

He became the fifth player to win the U.S. Open and PGA Championship in the same year, joining Woods, Jack Nicklaus, Ben Hogan and Gene Sarazen.

The tour does not disclose how many votes he received from a ballot that included Johnson, British Open champion Francesco Molinari, FedEx Cup champion Justin Rose, Justin Thomas and Bryson DeChambeau.

Johnson, Thomas and DeChambeau each won three times.

Thomas won the Arnold Palmer Trophy for leading the PGA Tour money list for the second straight year, making him the first player since Woods in 2006-07 to win the money title in consecutive years.



In this Aug. 12, 2018, file photo, Brooks Koepka holds the Wanamaker Trophy after he won the PGA Championship golf tournament at Bellerive Country Club, in St. Louis.

Johnson won the Byron Nelson Award for having the lowest adjusted scoring average on the PGA Tour. He also won the Vardon Trophy for the lowest scoring average, which is awarded by the PGA of America.

Koepka's award was presented at The Bear's Club in West Palm Beach, Florida, the home course of Nick-

laus. Thomas was in Malaysia to start his new season. Johnson came by The Bear's Club and did a short video with Koepka, one of his best friends in golf, just a week after a British newspaper reported they had to be separated during a skirmish at a European party following the Ryder Cup. Koepka denies being in a

fight, saying he and Johnson laughed about the report. Koepka received the award during his one week at home. After the Ryder Cup, he played the Dunhill Links Championship at St. Andrews. He leaves this weekend for the CJ Cup in South Korea, followed by the HSBC Champions in Shanghai. □

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Brees makes history in style, Saints thrash Redskins 43-19

By BRETT MARTEL

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Before Drew Brees could blow kisses to the adoring Superdome crowd, before he could embrace his wife and children on the sideline, the Saints' 39-year-old quarterback had to shred one of the NFL's top pass defenses with ruthless efficiency.

And so he did.

Brees passed Peyton Manning to become the NFL's all-time leader in yards passing with a 62-yard touchdown to rookie Tre'Quan Smith on Monday night that sent New Orleans on its way to a lopsided 43-19 victory over the mistake-prone Washington Redskins.

"It's hard for me to reflect too much right now just because my career's not done. There are still goals to be accomplished. There are still challenges to be met. And so I'm still very focused on that," Brees said. "And yet, when something like this happens, there are so many people who are responsible for that, that are a part of that, that makes me happy. It makes me proud and it makes me extremely grateful — extremely grateful for the opportunity to play this game, to play it as long as I've played it, to have wound up here in New Orleans. "It's just been an unbelievable journey."

Brees entered the game needing 201 yards to eclipse Peyton Manning's previous mark of 71,940 yards. He had 250 yards and two touchdowns by halftime and finished 26 of 29 for 363 yards and three touchdowns. He has yet to throw an interception this season. He did, however, make his eighth career reception on his own deflected pass, and pushed



across the line of scrimmage to add an extra yard to his career total.

"He throws for 5,000 yards just like he's sleeping at night, and it's crazy to see that," Redskins cornerback Josh Norman said. "He's at the top of them all right now — and he's not done yet."

The Saints' Smith, a third-round draft choice last spring, caught two touchdown passes from the 18th-year pro. Brees also hit Smith for a 35-yard score down the right sideline early in the third quarter.

Any hope Washington had of coming back was all but snuffed out when Justin Hardee, a special teams regular who was in the game because of Marshon Lattimore's concussion symptoms, snagged Alex Smith's underthrown pass at the Saints' 19-yard line and returned his first career

interception to the Washington 4.

That set up change-of-pace QB Taysom Hill's 1-yard touchdown run that put the Saints (4-1) up 40-13.

Smith completed 23 of 39 passes for 275 yards for the Redskins (2-2). He ran for a short touchdown late in the first half that pulled Washington within 26-13.

MAKING MEMORIES

When Saints began one of their last first-half possessions on their own 38, Brees needed just 35 yards to break the record. On the first play of the drive, Brees launched a pass toward the right sideline to the speedy Smith, who was wide open and easily sprinted away from Nicholson's tackle attempt en route to the end zone.

"I knew we were within striking distance" of the record, Brees said. "I didn't know it

was going to happen on the first play to Tre'Quan. But I don't think it could have happened in any better fashion than it did. To have then that moment with my teammates on the field, the offensive line, it played out even greater than I ever could have imagined."

Brees' teammates ran toward their quarterback as he jogged behind the play, and a group of them formed a jumping, celebrating mass of black and gold next to the Saints' fleur-de-lis emblem on the 50-yard line.

Brees then removed his helmet, saluted fans and exchanged hugs on the sideline with his wife, Brittany, their four kids and Saints coach Sean Payton. The ball was handed over to Pro Football Hall of Fame officials.

With the game well in hand

after the two-minute warning, Payton subbed Brees out of the game. As Teddy Bridgewater ran onto the field and Brees trotted to the sideline, Brees got one last ovation before fans began chanting: "Who dat say dey gonna beat dem Saints."

INGRAM'S RETURN

Running back Mark Ingram, playing in his first game this season after serving a four-game suspension, scored two touchdowns on 2- and 1-yard runs in the first half. He finished with 53 yards rushing and 20 receiving.

"It's great to have him back," Payton said, stressing the Ingram's presence reduces the physical toll on fellow running back Alvin Kamara. "That combination — those are two real good running backs."

PAINFUL PENALTIES

The Redskins came in allowing fewer than 190 yards passing per game and spoke of doing what they could to prevent Brees from making history. Instead, they helped Brees pile up first-half yards with third-down penalties that extended two touchdown drives.

Norman's defensive holding penalty during Brees' incomplete pass sustained the Saints' first scoring drive, capped by Ingram's short touchdown run.

In the second quarter, Montae Nicholson's unnecessary roughness penalty for leveling Ingram on Ryan Kerrigan's third-down sack extended a drive that ended with Brees' short TD pass to tight end Josh Hill.

INJURIES

Redskins: Chris Thompson took a heavy hit from Saints linebacker Craig Robertson and received treatment on the field before getting up and walking to the sideline holding his helmet. □

Holt 1st with postseason cycle, Red Sox rout Yankees 16-1

By MIKE FITZPATRICK

AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Brock Holt had one thing in mind: He was swinging for the fences.

After all, the game was decided long ago. And everything else went Boston's way all night, so why not this?

The part-time utilityman put the finishing touch on a Red Sox blowout, becoming the first player to hit for the cycle in a postseason game as Boston routed the New York Yankees 16-1 on Monday to seize a 2-1 lead in their best-of-five AL Division Series.

"This one I'll remember for a long time," said Holt, unaware of his achievement until told by a television reporter right after the final out. "Obviously, you don't go into the game expecting to make history or do anything like that, let alone score 16 runs."

Andrew Benintendi lined a three-run double and Holt tripled home two more in a seven-run fourth inning that quickly turned the latest playoff matchup between these longtime rivals into a laughter. Handed a big early lead, Nathan Eovaldi shut down his former team during New York's most lopsided defeat in 396 postseason games.

"An embarrassing day," shortstop Didi Gregorius said.

Game 4 is Tuesday night in the Bronx, where the 108-win Red Sox can put away the wild-card Yankees for good and advance to the AL Championship Series against Houston. Rick Porcello is scheduled to pitch against New York lefty CC Sabathia.

Boston battered an ineffective Luis Severino and silenced a charged-up Yankee Stadium crowd that emptied out fast on a night when Red Sox rookie manager Alex Cora made all the right moves.

By the ninth, backup catcher Austin Romine was on the mound for New York and he gave up a two-run homer to Holt that completed his cycle.

"You get a little antsy when



Clockwise from top left: Boston Red Sox's Brock Holt connects for a base hit in the fourth inning, hits a ground-rule double in the eighth inning, hits a two-run triple in the fourth inning, and follows through on a two-run home run in the ninth inning, becoming the first player to hit for the cycle in a postseason game against the New York Yankees in Game 3 of baseball's American League Division Series in New York, Monday, Oct. 8, 2018. The Red Sox beat the Yankees 16-1.

Associated Press

a position player is on the mound. I told everyone, 'Get me up. I need a home run for a cycle,'" Holt said. "I scooted up in the box a little bit, and I was going to be swinging at anything and try to hook anything. Obviously, you don't expect to hit a home run, but I was trying to. I was trying to hit a home run. That's probably the first time I've ever tried to do that. I rounded the bases, and seeing everyone going nuts in the dugout was a pretty cool moment for me."

His teammates, too.

"He wasn't shy about it," Benintendi said. "Everybody was rooting for him."

Boosted by noisy fans in their homer-friendly ballpark, the Yankees entered 7-0 at home the past two postseasons — against out-of-division opponents. But the Red Sox, frequent visitors who clinched the AL East crown at Yankee Stadium just 2½ weeks ago, were hardly intimidated.

"I think from pitch 1, we let them know that we were here," Cora said.

Mookie Betts, in fact, hit a 405-foot flyout to the center-field warning track to begin the game.

Making his first playoff start this year, Holt opened the fourth with a single off Severino and capped the 26-minute outburst with a triple to right field. The 2015 All-Star also doubled home a run in the eighth and finished with five RBIs.

Holt also hit for the cycle against Atlanta on June 6, 2015.

"He's been swinging the bat well for a while now," Cora said. "We felt the matchup was good for him."

Every starter had at least one hit for the Red Sox, who piled up 18 in all. The only time they scored more runs in the postseason was a 23-7 win over Cleveland in 1999.

Eovaldi pitched for the Yankees from 2015-16 before injuring his elbow, which required a second Tommy John surgery. Boston acquired him from Tampa Bay in July and the hard-throwing righty compiled a 1.93 ERA in four starts against

New York this season — three with the Red Sox.

Bumped up a day in front of Porcello, he delivered a gem in his first postseason appearance. Eovaldi allowed one run and five hits in seven innings, throwing 72 of 97 pitches for strikes.

"I was just trying to use their aggressiveness against them and try and get some quick outs," Eovaldi said. "It was a special moment for me. I don't think it's really quite settled in yet."

Going with Eovaldi was one of several choices that paid off for Cora.

Looking to play left-handed hitters against Severino, the first-year skipper inserted Holt at second base and Rafael Devers at third. Christian Vazquez started at catcher over Sandy Leon.

Devers singled twice, stole a base, scored two runs and knocked in another. Vazquez's infield single off Severino's glove drove in the first run.

Benintendi, already a Yankees nemesis, was on base four times and scored

twice. Betts also scored two runs and drove in two.

"It just kind of shows you what kind of team we have and that we could explode at any minute," Betts said.

TBS reported Severino began warming up only 10 minutes before the game, and he certainly looked out of sorts from the start in misty weather. He left with the bases loaded and nobody out in the fourth and was charged with six runs and seven hits.

"He got his normal pitches routine," Yankees manager Aaron Boone said. "It wasn't an issue."

STRANGE SIGHT

The only other position player to pitch in a postseason game was Toronto infielder Cliff Pennington against Kansas City in the 2015 AL Championship Series.

IF AT FIRST

There were four replay challenges in the first four innings — all involving calls by first base umpire Angel Hernandez. Three were overturned.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Red Sox: 1B Mitch Moreland sat out after leaving Game 2 when he hurt his right hamstring running the bases. "Mitch is available, but he's not 100 percent," Cora said. Steve Pearce played first and had an RBI single in the fourth.

Yankees: CF Aaron Hicks remained out of the lineup after missing Game 2 with tightness in his right hamstring, which forced him from the series opener Friday. Boone said Hicks was doing "significantly better," and sitting him was a much more difficult decision than it was Saturday. Brett Gardner was back in center, but Boone said he wouldn't hesitate to use Hicks in any role off the bench. □





Seattle Sounders midfielder Victor Rodriguez, right, kicks his second of two goals in the second half of an MLS soccer match as Houston Dynamo defender Leonardo, left, looks on, Monday, Oct. 8, 2018, in Seattle.

Associated Press

Rodriguez scores twice as Sounders down Dynamo 4-1

SEATTLE (AP) — Victor Rodriguez and Will Bruin haven't played as many minutes as they would have liked in the past few months. Both were on the field for all 90 Monday night and made the most of their opportunity.

Rodriguez scored two goals in the second half as the Seattle Sounders defeated the Houston Dynamo 4-1.

Bruin and Cristian Roldan added first-half goals for Seattle, which moved closer to an MLS playoff spot with the win.

The Sounders (15-11-5) are trying for their 10th straight postseason berth. The loss eliminated Houston (9-14-8) from playoff contention.

Rodriguez has been limited to just 16 games due to injuries. He went the distance and scored a goal in a 4-0 rout of Colorado on Sept. 29 in Seattle, then followed up with another full game and Monday's two goals.

"I'm very happy for today and for the goals. I've worked a lot every day," Rodriguez said. "For me, the situation was complicated, but I feel better. Now I've had a great performance and have to keep working." With Seattle leading 2-0, Rodriguez doubled the

lead with two goals in a nine-minute span.

The first of Rodriguez's goals came in the 64th minute. Kelvin Leerdam, playing to the right of the penalty area, passed the ball into the middle of the box and Rodriguez buried a shot in the back left corner from about 8 yards out.

Rodriguez scored again in the 73rd minute when he found space between two Dynamo defenders and again scored from 8 yards in front. He has four goals this season.

"He has just found a really good run of form - we saw it coming a while back," Sounders coach Brian Schmetzer said. "He has put a lot of work and effort into his rehab when he has been injured. He's reaping the benefits of being a good pro now, and we're happy it's happening at the tail end of the season when he can be at his peak and help us tremendously."

Bruin, whose playing time has diminished since the midseason signing of Ligz Mx star Raul Ruidiaz, got the start on Monday with Ruidiaz having been called up to the Peruvian national team for an upcoming pair of international friendlies.

He responded by scoring his seventh goal of the season in the 18th minute, drilling a 13-yard shot from just behind the penalty spot and into the back left corner. "I've scored goals every year in this league. As the league brings in higher quality players, a lot of them are attackers, and I have to kind of evolve my game as well," Bruin said. "And I think I've done that throughout the years. Whenever I get opportunities, I'm going to do my job and try to score goals."

Roldan made it 2-0 in the 34th minute his fourth of the year.

DaMarcus Beasey scored in the 87th minute for Houston, his first of the year. The Dynamo thought they had a goal from Darwin Ceren late in the first half. But the whistle had blown for a foul on a Houston player in front of the Seattle net before Ceren took his shot.

"If you go into halftime and it's 2-1 (instead of 2-0), it's totally different," said coach Wilmer Cabrera, whose team was missing 11-goal scorer Alberth Elis to international duty. "We were really poor defensively, and you pay for it. It has been a tough year for us." □

Djokovic too hot again for Chardy at Shanghai Masters

By **SANDRA HARWITT**
Associated Press

SHANGHAI (AP) — Novak Djokovic, the hottest player on the men's tour in the second half of the year, never faced a break point on serve in putting away Jeremy Chardy of France 6-3, 7-5 at the Shanghai Masters on Tuesday.

Djokovic's second-round victory improved his perfect record against the 41st-ranked Chardy to 12-0 in matches played, and 28-0 in sets won.

"I'm very grateful to play on a high level," Djokovic said. "I'm very close to my best." The Wimbledon and U.S. Open champion, Djokovic is hoping to win a record fourth Shanghai title this week.

Fifth-seeded Marin Cilic became the highest seed toppled in Shanghai when 48th-ranked Nicolas Jarry of Chile rebounded for a 2-6, 7-6 (6), 7-5 second-round win.

Cilic served for the match at 5-4 in the third set but couldn't. Jarry won the next two games to advance to the third round.

Australian Matthew Ebden upset sixth-seeded Domi-

nic Thiem 6-4, 6-7 (8), 7-6 (4) in a nearly three-hour encounter.

The win over the seventh-ranked Thiem is the best of the 51st-ranked Ebden's career.

Thiem has played in Shanghai four times and has never advanced to the third round.

A couple of champions from last weekend also progressed.

Nikoloz Basilashvili, who downed Juan Martin del Potro for the China Open title on Sunday, won his sixth straight match after beating Denis Shapovalov 6-2, 6-2 to open his Shanghai account.

Up to a career-high ranking of 23, Basilashvili never faced a break point on his serve. The Georgian earned his first win in Shanghai after qualifying in 2015 and 2017.

Daniil Medvedev, who upset Kei Nishikori to win the Japan Open on Sunday, struggled but beat Chinese wild card Zhang Ze 3-6, 7-6 (6), 6-4.

Also, French qualifier Benoit Paire upset 15th-seeded Pablo Carreno Busta 6-3, 6-4. □

Walsh Jennings pairs with Brooke Sweat for 2020 Tokyo try

By JIMMY GOLEN
AP Sports Writer

Three-time Olympic gold medalist Kerri Walsh Jennings, already the most decorated beach volleyball player in history, will pair with defensive star Brooke Sweat in an attempt to make it to the Summer Games for a sixth time.

The decision kicks off a two-year qualification process that would send Walsh Jennings to Tokyo in 2020 a month before she turns 42. Sweat, eight years younger, is a four-time AVP defensive player of the year who competed in Rio de Janeiro in her only Olympics.

"I was so excited that Brooke wanted to play," Walsh Jennings said in an interview with The Associated Press. "She's literally a Jedi on defense. You can tell Brooke was born to play this game. She's elevated every single partnership she's ever had."

A five-time Olympian — she

also went to Sydney on the U.S. indoor volleyball team — Walsh Jennings won three gold medals with Misty May-Treanor, who retired after the 2012 Games. Walsh Jennings paired with London silver medalist April Ross in 2016 and earned bronze, but the pair split when Walsh Jennings left the AVP over philosophical differences and formed her own tour, called p1440.

The new partners will compete together for the first time Oct. 18-21 at the p1440 event in Las Vegas.

"I'm so excited to finally be on the same side of the net as Kerri," Sweat told the AP. "I'm excited to play defense behind that block. She's the best blocker, and it makes my job on defense way easier."

Beach volleyball partners can take years to learn each other's strengths and weaknesses, along with the quirks that emerge while traveling on a world tour that bounces among Eu-



In this March 22, 2016, file photo, Kerri Walsh Jennings speaks to reporters during a news conference in New York.

rope, Asia and North and South America.

Walsh Jennings, nicknamed "Six Feet of Sunshine," is a ruthless competitor, a relentlessly optimistic chatterbox, a Stanford graduate and now a budding mogul who formed her own tour rather than give up on her vision to grow the sport. Sweat grew up in Fort Myers, Florida, and stayed home to attend Florida Gulf Coast University rather than

make the usual pilgrimage to the beach volleyball hub in Southern California.

"I probably will do most of the talking," Walsh Jennings said with a laugh. "She's a really grounded, really good human being. If you have a problem with Brooke, you are just not a good human being."

Sweat, who pronounced herself recovered from May rotator cuff surgery, attended the San Jose

p1440 event last month as a spectator.

The two practiced together last week for the first time.

"It just confirmed what I've always thought about Kerri: She just raises the level of hard work and professionalism," Sweat said. "I always want to show up for practices wanting to be the hardest worker on the court, and I think Kerri gives me a run for my money."

Two-person teams qualify for the Olympics by earning points on the FIVB world tour over a two-year period that began in the spring. The two are starting at zero and will have to work their way up into the top two dozen — and be one of the top two U.S. teams — to make it to Tokyo.

"I have no points on the qualification," Walsh Jennings said. "It's a new situation for me, which I don't like."

Sweat's Olympic experience will be an advantage, Walsh Jennings said. □

NBA COACHES

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Popovich's team has long been at the forefront of finding talented players in places far outside the U.S. and it's no surprise he's thought outside the box to grow his coaching tree. Besides employing Borrego and Hammon last season, his top assistant is Italian Ettore Messina, and Brett Brown had been coaching for nearly two decades in Australia before Popovich hired the current Philadelphia head coach for his staff.

"It's got nothing to do with quotas or anything like that, just people who are qualified for jobs and getting the opportunity," Popovich said. "So, there are no ceilings for anybody based on race or religion or gender or anything like that."

Nearly a third of the league changed coaches, providing opportunities for successful head coaches to quickly land with new teams (Mike Budenholzer, Milwaukee; Dwane Casey, Detroit; David Fizdale, New York; Steve Clifford, Orlando), assistants a shot

at finally running their own clubs (Kokoskov, Phoenix; Nick Nurse, Toronto; Lloyd Pierce, Atlanta), and second chances to coaches who only had brief stints at the top (Bickerstaff and Borrego).

Though they come from such varying backgrounds, they are family. Coaches support each other even while sometimes competing with each other for the same jobs. Fizdale received calls from coaches around the league when he was fired early last season in Memphis, and he made a similar call to Jeff Hornacek when he was let go by the Knicks.

"Because we're a fraternity," Fizdale said. "We really do take pride in that in the NBA, that we look out for each other and stay connected with each other and when I got fired they all reached out to me the same way. And it's heartfelt because there's only 30 of these."

NBA Commissioner Adam Silver asked teams to review their hiring practices in the front office following the workplace harassment

investigation of the Dallas Mavericks, with the hope of more women being hired at the senior levels.

He doesn't have the same concerns at the coaching level, in part because of Hammon's success. When she coached the Spurs to the Summer League title in 2015, Silver said he had "no doubt" that a woman would someday coach an NBA team.

"I think just like we've seen enormous change in our society, just in the last decade, I think that's another ceiling, another barrier that will be broken," Silver said at the time.

He credited women such as Hammon and players willing to follow them for his belief. But Popovich and other coaches say the credit goes to Silver for making diversity and inclusion such important themes in the NBA.

"I think our league is probably the most diverse league, whether it's nationality, race, gender, whatever it is," Casey said. "I know we have issues as far as things are going on just like corporations in the world, but it



starts with Adam's outlook. He really promotes that from a leadership standpoint of diversity, inclusion, the whole nine yards, but it starts with him."

But it started before Silver became commissioner. There were 16 coaches of color — more than half the league — in 2012, with 14 African-Americans, a Filipino-American in Miami's Erik Spoelstra, and Kaleb Canales, who became the league's first Mexican-American coach when he replaced the fired Nate McMillan in Portland on an interim basis. He's now an assistant to Fizdale in New York.

Kokoskov was well respect-

ed in the coaching ranks by then, having won a title in Detroit during six seasons as an assistant and helping the Suns reach the Western Conference finals in 2010.

Perhaps the league wasn't ready then for a European head coach, just as Bickerstaff can remember a time before his father Bernie got his first shot at running a team in the mid-1980s that there wasn't such of an acceptance of black coaches.

"No matter what position it is, no matter what field we're in, diversity is a huge part of who we are as America and there's no better place than the NBA," Bickerstaff said. □



By: Dr Carlos Viana

Zinc compounds were known as far back as three thousand years in China and India. In 1546 Agricola reported that a white metal was condensed and scraped off the walls of early furnaces when ore was smelted to obtain lead and silver. This white metal hardened in jagged spikes, *zinko* in German.

The history of our recognition of the significance of zinc in medicine however, is remarkably brief. By the late 1950s it was accepted that zinc was a necessary micronutrient for humans although scientific opinion tended to dismiss the likelihood of human zinc deficiency.

In the last decade, we have come to appreciate zinc to be a mineral that is essential for a healthy immune system, production of certain hormones, wound healing, bone formation, and clear skin. It is required in very small amounts, and is thus known as a trace mineral. Despite the low requirement, zinc is found in nearly every cell of the body and is a key to the proper function of more than 300 enzymes. Normal growth and development cannot occur without it.

In our clinic we have found people with mild to moderately low levels of zinc, although serious deficiency is rare. Symptoms can include an increased susceptibility to infection, rashes, hair loss, and poor growth in children, slow healing of wounds, rashes, acne, male infertility, poor appetite, decreased sense of taste and smell, and swelling of the mouth, tongue, and eyelids. Women will find their ability to climax is much more difficult.

A more serious, chronic deficiency can cause severe growth problems, including dwarfism and poor bone maturation. The spleen and liver may become enlarged. Testicular size and function both tend to decrease. Cataracts may form in the eyes, the optic nerve can become swollen, and color vision is sometimes affected by a profound lack of zinc. Hearing can be af-

fected as well.

People who are deficient in zinc are prone to getting more and longer lasting infections. Zinc acts as an immune booster, in part due to stimulation of the thymus gland. This gland tends to shrink with age, and consequently produces less of the hormones that boost the production of infection-fighting white blood cells. Supplemental zinc can reverse this tendency and improve immune function.

Zinc has become a popular remedy for the common cold and using a supplement when symptoms occur may significantly shorten the duration of the illness. The only form of zinc proven effective for this purpose is the zinc gluconate or zinc acetate lozenge. 13-23 mg or more appear to be most effective, and need to be dissolved in the mouth in order to exert antiviral properties. Swallowing zinc tablets will not work. The lozenges can be used every two hours for up to a week or two at most.

Zinc can offer some relief from chronic infections with *Candida albicans*, or yeast. Most women will experience a vaginal yeast infection at some time. One study showed yeast-fighting benefits for zinc even for those who were not deficient in the mineral to begin with. Other supplements that complement zinc in combating yeast problems are vitamin C, and vitamin E. Another measure that can help to limit problems with *Candida* is *Lactobacillus*, a friendly bacterium that competes with yeast. Limiting sweets in the diet may also prove helpful.

Teenagers are often low in zinc, and tend to experience more acne. Increasing water intake and dietary zinc or taking a modest supplement in order to get the RDA amount is low risk and may prove helpful. People should consult a health care provider knowledgeable in nutrition before taking large doses of any supplement.

We advise our patients about to have surgery to make sure they are getting a sufficient amount of zinc and vitamin C in order to optimize wound healing. Adequate levels of these vitamins and minerals for at least a few weeks before and after surgery can speed healing. The same nutrients are important to minimize the healing time of bedsores, burns, and other skin lesions.

There are two male health problems that can potentially benefit from zinc supplementation. Testosterone is one of the hormones that require zinc for production. Men with infertility as a result of low testosterone levels may experi-

ence improvement from taking a zinc supplement. Another condition that zinc can be helpful for is benign prostatic hypertrophy, a common cause of abnormally frequent urination in older men. Taking an extra 30 mg a day for three to six months offers symptomatic relief for some men.

Oysters are tremendously high in zinc. Some sources, such as whole grains, beans, and nuts, have good zinc content but the fiber in these foods prevents it from being absorbed well. Foods with better utilized zinc include beef, chicken, turkey, milk, cheese, and yogurt. Pure maple syrup also is a good source of zinc.

Since meats are the best sources of zinc, strict vegetarians are more likely to be deficient. Zinc is needed in larger amounts for women who are pregnant or breastfeeding. Deficiency during pregnancy may lower fetal birth weight, as well as increase maternal risk of toxemia. A good prenatal vitamin is likely to contain an adequate amount.

People over age 50 don't absorb zinc as well, nor do they generally have adequate intake, and may require a supplement. Alcohol abusers, those that have more than two drinks a day generally have poor nutritional status to begin with, and alcohol also depletes stored zinc.

Zinc is sometimes promoted as an aid for memory. However, in the case of people with Alzheimer's disease, zinc can cause more harm than good. Some experiments indicate that zinc actually decreases intellectual function of people with this disease. As well as with, people who have hemochromatosis, a hereditary disorder affecting iron metabolism or if you are allergic to zinc, are infected with HIV, pregnant have glaucoma or have ulcers. Under these circumstances, it is best to be evaluated by a certified clinical nutritionist before supplementing with zinc.

Get the Point! Some diseases increase the risk of zinc deficiency. Sickle-cell anemia, diabetes, and kidney disease can all affect zinc metabolism. People with Crohn's disease, sprue, chronic diarrhea, or babies with an often fatal inherited disease involving inefficient intestinal absorption of zinc; readily treated by adding zinc to the diet also have an increased need for zinc. Not everyone who "knows about" nutrition is qualified to do a nutritional evaluation which includes using results from blood tests. To be sure how much zinc or other vitamins you need, ask to see credentials and call to make an appointment with a certified clinical nutritionist. □

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How to see the world in your 20s without racking up debt

By **CLAIRE TSOSIE**
Associated Press

It's a dilemma many 20-somethings face: You badly want to travel the world. But if your bank account could talk, it would say, "Are you kidding?" When you're just starting out, even a weeklong vacation might seem like a one-way ticket to credit card debt — especially if you have a modest income or lack access to paid time off. But with the right moves, you can budget for travel without going into the red.

START SAVING

For Krista Aoki, the key to avoiding debt while traveling is simple: Save.

Before a big trip, "I try to always start with a big cushion. I always save up beforehand, and I try to save up more than I need to," says Aoki, 26, an online business manager who does consulting and virtual assistant services for other online businesses. She estimates it takes her about three months to save up for a big trip. She now travels full time and is currently in Kealahou, Hawaii.

To save for travel, she



In this Dec. 31, 2013, file photo, a paddleboarder looks out over the Pacific Ocean as the sun sets off of Waikiki Beach, in Honolulu.

spends less on other items, such as clothes. She also hasn't owned a car in 2½ years and often relies on public transportation.

You might not be able to pay for a vacation in full right this second. But that doesn't mean you need to choose between taking on credit card debt or being a hardcore homebody. By

spending less in certain areas now and setting aside money consistently, you might have enough to cover a small getaway in a few months.

DECIDE WHERE TO MINIMIZE COSTS

The best vacation isn't necessarily the most expensive vacation. By aggressively reducing your basic costs

— flights, transportation, lodging, food — you might be able to squeeze in more exploring for a smaller price.

Instead of booking hotels, for example, you might opt to stay at hostels, which are more like college dorm rooms. Often, staying in a hostel means sharing a room and bathroom with

others and sleeping in bunk beds rather than on queen-size mattresses. But they're a good way to meet other travelers and can be startlingly cheap.

"A nice co-working hostel in Chiang Mai in Thailand is like \$10 a day," says Aoki, who says she spends most of her time in Thailand. "I've been to two, and they're really clean and pretty comfortable, and they include breakfast and a working office." If you're willing to sacrifice some privacy, staying at one might make it easier to pay your credit card bill in full when you return from your trip.

USE CREDIT CARD REWARDS
When Leah Gervais was 24, she traveled in Southeast Asia for four months without going into debt, in part by using credit card rewards to pay for her flights.

"It's not that I had a lot of savings ready to go," says Gervais, now 26, founder of lifestyle website Urban 20 Something. "What I did have was a lot of frequent flyer miles." She got the miles in college by earning sign-up bonuses on airline credit cards; she didn't carry balances on them. □

Associated Press

IMF downgrades outlook for world economy to 3.7 pct. Growth

By **PAUL WISEMAN**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The International Monetary Fund is downgrading its outlook for the world economy, citing rising interest rates and growing tensions over trade.

The IMF said Monday that the global economy will grow 3.7 percent this year, the same as in 2017 but down from the 3.9 percent it was forecasting for 2018 in July. It slashed its outlook for the 19 countries that use the euro currency and for Central and Eastern Europe, Latin America, the Middle East and Sub-Saharan Africa.

The report comes on the eve of the Oct. 12-14 meetings in Bali, Indonesia, of

the IMF and its sister lending organization, the World Bank.

The IMF expects the U.S. economy to grow 2.9 percent this year, the fastest pace since 2005 and unchanged from the July forecast.

But it predicts that U.S. growth will slow to 2.5 percent next year as the effect of recent tax cuts wears off and as President Donald Trump's trade war with China takes a toll.

The Federal Reserve, the U.S. central bank, has raised short-term U.S. rates three times this year as the American economy gains strength more than nine years after the end of the Great Recession.

The fund kept its forecast

for growth in the Chinese economy unchanged at 6.6 percent this year. Citing the impact of U.S. taxes on Chinese imports, however, the IMF shaved the outlook for China next year to 6.2 percent, which would be the country's slowest growth since 1990.

The United States and China — the world's two biggest economies — are sparring over Beijing's aggressive effort to challenge American technological dominance.

Washington charges that China uses predatory tactics, including outright cybertheft and forcing foreign companies to hand over trade secrets in exchange for access to the Chinese market. □



In this May 8, 2018 file photo, a man walks by a money exchange house in downtown Buenos Aires, Argentina.

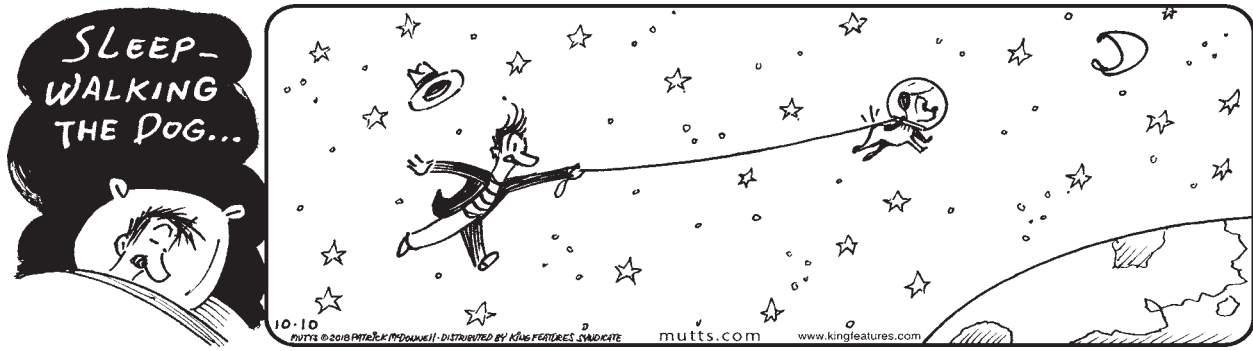
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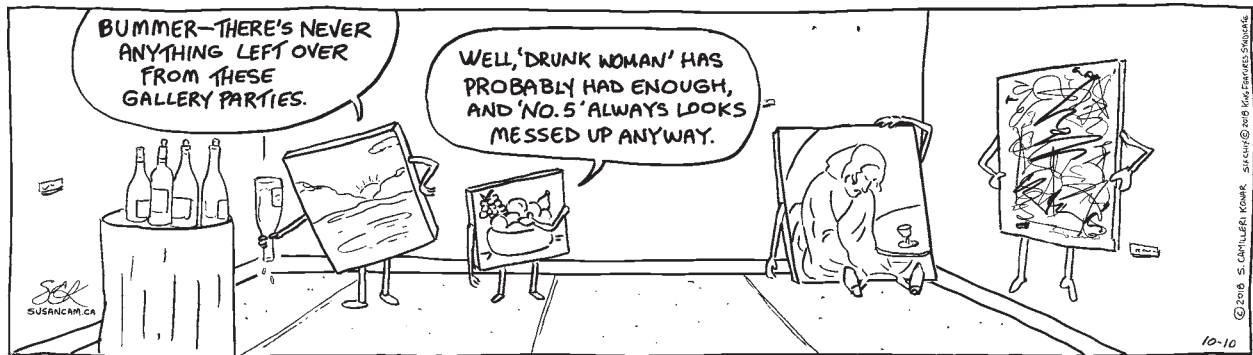

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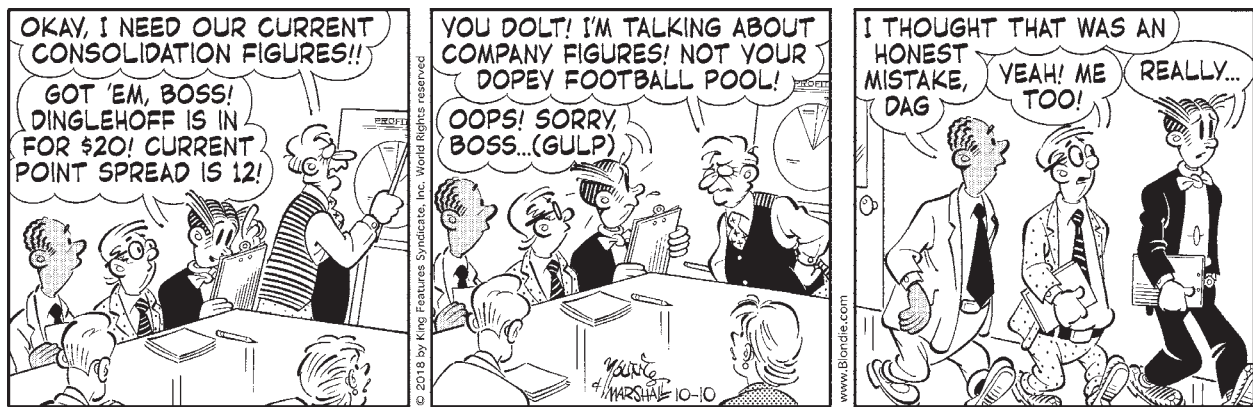
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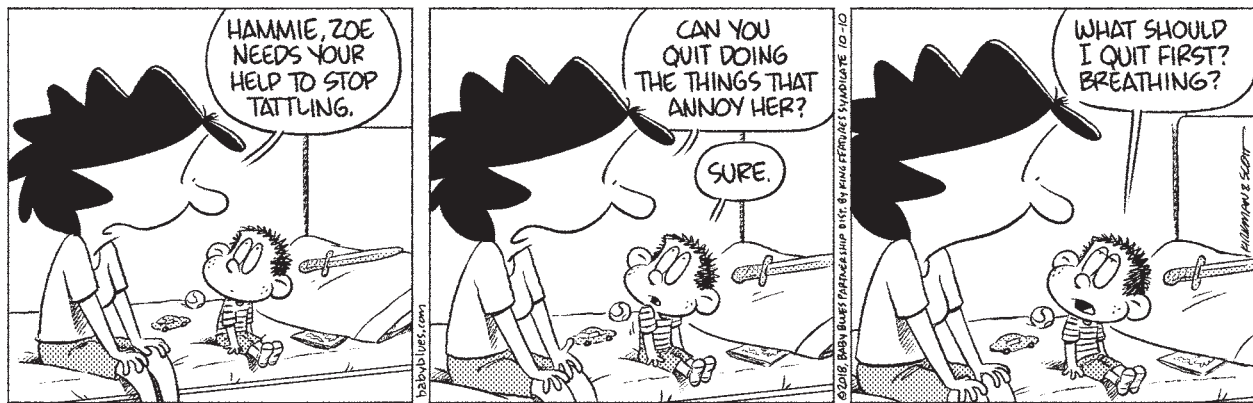
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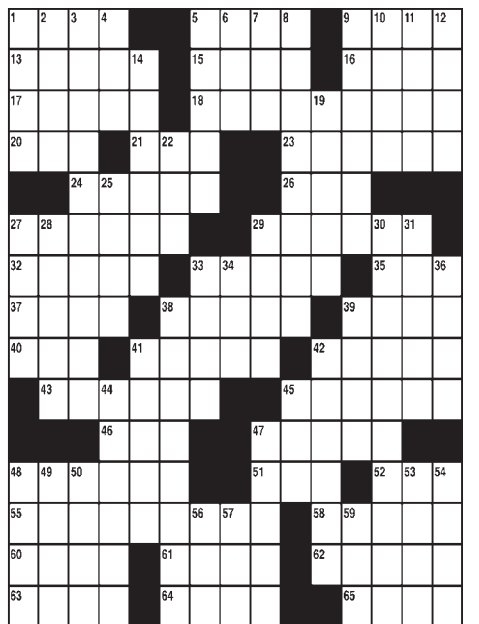
Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

3	9	4	5	8	7	6	2	1
1	5	6	3	9	2	7	8	4
2	7	8	6	4	1	3	9	5
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8	6	7	2	3	4	5	1	9
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ACROSS

- 1 Ears of corn
5 Stable dinner
9 Nose's detection
13 Felt sick
15 Clippety-
16 Morning hour
17 Disney dog
18 Clock or watch
20 Pupil's place
21 Bullring shout
23 Wore away
24 West Point student
26 Final bill
27 In __; soon
29 Christmas tree glitter
32 "Put your money __ your mouth is"
33 Glittered
35 VW followers
37 Reclines
38 Cake coating
39 "Take __", overused conversation closer
40 Last year's Jrs.
41 Name for 2 U.S. presidents
42 Runs fast
43 Word attached to cheer or band
45 Least risky
46 By way of
47 Driver of a large van
48 Group of fish
51 Female animal
52 Plant sci.
55 Tulane University's location
58 Pack animal
60 __ a test; passed easily
61 Flabbergast
62 Wedding dress fabric
63 Baseball great Willie
64 New York team
65 Wagers
- DOWN**
1 Outer garment
2 Greasy
3 Dressing choice
4 __ sail; begin a voyage
5 Group of eight
6 Muhammad __
7 Male turkey
8 Driving too fast
9 Chili dog toppers, for some
10 Perished
11 All at __; suddenly
12 Rex or Donna
14 Scribble mindlessly
19 Dried fruit
22 Actress Remick
25 Haughtiness
27 Tools with sharp points
28 Spin fast
29 Truck scale divisions
30 Make worse
31 Stringed instruments
33 Unsightly skin mark
34 That fellow
36 Gusto



Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

VOW	ASTER	ONCE
ADAM	STOLE	ROAM
LOVE	PARKA	NORM
READINESS	ANDY	
NERD	OFT	
STRIFE	CONTEMPT	
POINT	SAVED	OLE
LONG	POSED	CLAN
ITS	FINER	FEATS
THEOLOGY	SOIREE	
PUN	POOL	
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50 One of Donald Duck's nephews
53 Leave out
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56 Dined
57 Kook
59 Friendly dog, for short



This Oct. 3, 2018, photo provided by The Marine Mammal Center hospital director Claire Simeone shows a gecko on a phone at the center in Kailua Kona, Hawaii.

Associated Press

Gecko butt-dials 'bazillion' times from Hawaii seal hospital

By JENNIFER SINCO KELLER
Associated Press

HONOLULU (AP) — If you got incessant phone calls last week from a hospital that cares for Hawaiian monk seals, you were butt-dialed. Or, more specifically, foot-dialed. By a gecko. Marine mammal veterinarian

Claire Simeone was at lunch when she got a call from Ke Kai Ola, the Big Island hospital where she's director. There was silence on the other end. Nine more silent calls followed. Fearing a seal emergency, she rushed back. She wasn't the only one getting calls, and people started asking why the hospital was calling non-stop. □

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Hubble Space Telescope sidelined by serious pointing failure

By MARCIA DUNN

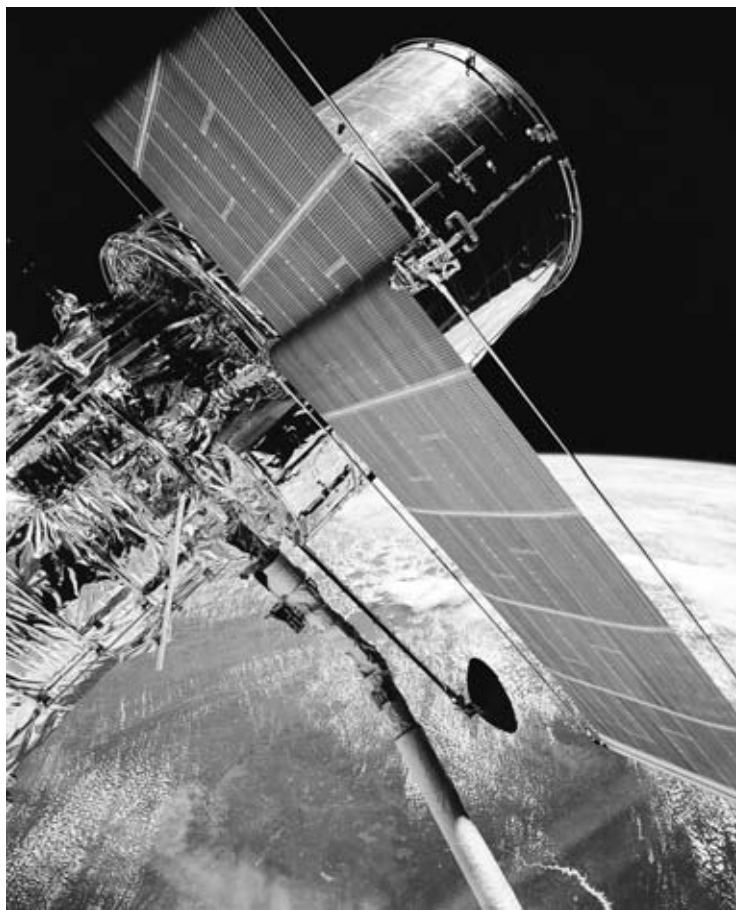
AP Aerospace Writer
CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla.
(AP) — The Hubble Space Telescope has been sidelined by a serious pointing problem.

NASA announced Monday that one of Hubble's gyroscopes failed last Friday. While that was expected — that particular gyro was expected to go sometime this year — the surprise came when a backup did not kick in properly Saturday. As a result, Hubble remains in so-called safe mode and all science observations are on hold.

The 28-year-old telescope has had trouble with its gyroscopes before.

Spacewalking shuttle astronauts replaced all six in 2009 during the final servicing mission. Three of them are now considered unusable.

"I think Hubble's in good hands right now, I really do," said Kenneth Sem-



In this April 25, 1990 file photo provided by NASA, most of the giant Hubble Space Telescope can be seen as it is suspended in space by Discovery's Remote Manipulator System (RMS) following the deployment of part of its solar panels and antennae. Associated Press

bach, director of the Space Telescope Science Institute, which operates Hubble. "The fact that we're having some gyro problems, that's kind of a long tradition with the observatory." Gyroscopes are needed to keep the 340-mile-high (540-kilometer-high) Hubble pointed in the right direction during observations. Precise pointing is crucial: Astronomers use the telescope to peer deep into the cosmos, revealing faraway solar systems as well as galaxies and black holes. Just last week, astronomers said they may have discovered the first moon outside our solar system, with Hubble's help. Since its launch in 1990, Hubble has made more than 1.3 million observations. Two of Hubble's gyroscopes are working fine, Sembach said. The last one was in reserve;

it was turned off some years ago after exhibiting some "funny behavior" even though it was getting the job done, he said. That's the one that flight controllers turned on Saturday as a backup; as of Monday, it still wasn't working as expected.

Sembach said everyone wants to be careful in attempting a repair.

"Obviously, we don't want to make things worse," he said.

Hubble normally uses three gyroscopes to function, but could get by with one or two, something it's done before. But that leaves little room for additional breakdowns. Besides redundancy, three functional gyroscopes also provide more flexibility in pointing, Sembach said.

"We'll be fine," he said from the Baltimore institute. "I'm sure Hubble has many years of good science ahead of it." □



The Soyuz rocket is raised into a vertical position on the launch pad, Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2018 at the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan.

NASA head: Space station hole cause will be determined

By JIM HEINTZ
Associated Press

MOSCOW (AP) — The head of the U.S. space agency said Tuesday that he's sure that investigators will determine the cause of a mysterious hole that appeared on the International Space Station, which his Russian counterpart has said was deliberately drilled. NASA Administrator Jim Bridenstine also said that collaboration with Russia's Roscosmos remains important, despite recent comments by agency head Dmitry Rogozin that Russia wouldn't accept a "second-tier role" in a NASA-led plan to build an outpost near the moon.

The hole that appeared in a Russian Soyuz capsule docked to the ISS caused a brief loss of air pressure in August before being patched. The incident sparked wide speculation and consternation.

"I strongly believe we're going to get the right answer to what caused the hole on the International Space Station and that together we'll be able to continue our strong collaboration," Bridenstine said. "What we've got to do is we've got to very dispassionately allow the investigation to go forward without speculation, without rumor, without innuendo, without conspiracy."

Although the U.S. is working toward commercial launches to the ISS, Russia shouldn't regard itself as sidelined, he said.

"There is coming a day when we're going to have our own access to the International Space Station through a commercial crew. I want to be really clear — that is not a replacement for the Russian Soyuz capabilities. We see it as redundancy and we want to make sure that

even when a commercial crew is up and running we are still going to be launching American astronauts on Soyuz rockets and we would love to have Russian cosmonauts launching on commercial crew rockets in the United States," Bridenstine said.

Regarding the NASA-led Gateway project to build an orbiting moon outpost, Rogozin said recently that Russia couldn't afford to participate in other countries' projects in a secondary role. But Bridenstine said international involvement in the project was key.

"We're going to build an architecture between the earth and the moon where we can go back and forth a lot with robots and landers and rovers and humans ... the entire architecture between the Earth and the moon requires reusability. It requires international partners," he said. □



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Eagles' Joe Walsh tells his addiction story at gala evening

By LEANNE ITALIE

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Joe and Marjorie Walsh were honored Monday night by the nonprofit Facing Addiction with NCADD for their support of the recovery movement and their efforts to raise awareness about drug and alcohol abuse. And they got a little help from their friends, namely the Eagle's brother-in-law, Ringo Starr, Vince Gill and Michael McDonald, during a fundraising gala supporting the work of the recently combined advocacy groups offering a range of services and programs focused on prevention, treatment and reform.

The soon to be 70-year-old Walsh, with a lift from Gill, McDonald and the younger Butch Walker, entertained the crowd under the twinkling chandeliers of the Rainbow Room with a few rock standards, including Walsh's "Life's Been Good," as Ringo and his wife, Barbara Bach Starkey, watched from a table near the small stage.

Walsh, sober for 25 years, told his own story of alcohol and drug dependence, as did his wife when she introduced him to the crowd,



Honoree Joe Walsh performs at the Facing Addiction with NCADD (National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence) gala at the Rainbow Room on Monday, Oct. 8, 2018, in New York.

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many of whom have been touched in some way by addiction. He told of his rocky childhood in the 1950s struggling against what are now recognized as attention-deficit disorder, obsessive-compulsive disorder and Asperger's syndrome. "There was no awareness of what that was. ... You were just difficult. I was difficult," he said. "I was different that way from the other

kids, and because of that I was terrified. I was truly terrified because I felt stupid and alone and that nobody understood. ... In my late teenage years I tried to play guitar in front of some people and I couldn't do it. I was so scared. I could not do it. I hyperventilated. I started shaking. I started crying."

But Walsh said he eventually discovered that after

"a couple beers," he could. "That planted the seed. I thought alcohol was a winner." In college he came across cocaine and other substances and soon began writing well received albums. "And later on when I did an album that didn't do so good I thought, well obviously I'm not drinking nearly as much as I need to." "My higher power became vodka and co-

caine," Walsh said, until he hit rock bottom. "I burned all the bridges. Nobody wanted to work with me. I was angry. ... I turned into this godless, hateful thing." That's when he sought the help of Alcoholics Anonymous. There, "I met some old timers," he said, his voice cracking at times. "Gradually they showed me that I'm not a unique individual, one-of-a-kind person. I'm just an alcoholic, and for the first time in my life I felt like I was somewhere where I belonged." Walsh said he chose to drop the traditional anonymity of AA members to help others, and because "most of the world knew I was a mess anyway."

Walsh and his wife, who is the sister of Bach Starkey, helped launch Facing Addiction on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., in 2015. The National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence was founded in 1944. Ringo, also a recovering addict and alcoholic, didn't perform but told The Associated Press in an interview before the evening got under way that he, too, wants to help people before they hit rock bottom. □

Twenty One Pilots score again with terrific 'Trench'

By MARK KENNEDY

Twenty One Pilots, "Trench" (Fueled By Ramen)

It's going to be hard for Twenty One Pilots to top the success of their last album. Every tune on "Blurryface" went gold, platinum or, in some cases, multiplatinum — the first album to do so in history. But if anyone's going to do better, it's these two guys from Ohio.

"Trench," the 14-track, fifth album from vocalist Tyler Joseph and drummer Josh Dun (as well as songwriting help from Paul Meany), is every bit as good as "Blurryface," continuing the band's genre-bending trademark of tackling various styles and showcasing a knack for songwriting.

The band comes fast out

of the gate with the throbbing bass line of "Jumpsuit" with insecurity in the lyrics ("I can't believe how much I hate/ Pressures of a new place roll my way"). Then it's on to Dun's kinetic drumming on "Levitate," a blissed-out and terrific "Morph" and The Killers-like, falsetto-fueled "My Blood." Further ahead, there's the reggae-tinged "Nico and the Niners," the '80s-sounding "The Hype" and the complex, constantly shifting "Bandito."

We reach peak Twenty One Pilots on "Pet Cheeta," an exhilarating and daffy tune that name-checks Jason Statham as it mixes techno, rap and rock, along with a healthy dose of reggae and house.



This cover image released by Fueled By Ramen shows "Trench," the latest release by Twenty One Pilots.

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No one out there makes music as thrilling as this.

"Trench" is a more low-key album — "Cut My Lip" and "Neon Gravestones" are slow burners — and Joseph and Dun show maturity in not overworking songs, too. The last track, "Leave the City," is a piano-driven gem with understated drumming and ghostly vocals.

Of course, it wouldn't be a Pilots record without opaque lyrics that connect the songs — "jumpsuit" and "neon" — and the album to a larger fantasy narrative that has spooled out over several albums and onto websites. We'll leave all those clues — references to Dema and the bishops and Nicolas Bourbaki — to the fans on Reddit. □

Amandla Stenberg: I'm still finding my voice

By JAKE COYLE
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Actress Amandla Stenberg was named after a 1989 Miles Davis album — a lush, African-tinged funk fusion that takes its name from the Zulu and Xhosa word for "power."

In South Africa under apartheid, "amandla" was — and still is — a rallying cry against oppression. It's a lot for Stenberg to live up to.

"You think?" she asks, laughing and thanking her mother for the heavy responsibility. Then she turns more serious. "It's something I keep very close to my heart."

Stenberg has already done much to embody her namesake. At 19, she has become the face of a new Hollywood, one that fuses the personal with the political.

She is a confident, social media-savvy, outspoken, young, gay, African-American woman who, like many others of her generation, has little interest in contributing to the stereotypes or biases of the past.

In "The Hate U Give," which



This Sept. 28, 2018 photo shows Amandla Stenberg during a portrait session in New York to promote her film, "The Hate U Give."

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expands in theaters Friday, Stenberg has found a perfect amalgamation of art and activism. Based on Angie Thomas' Black Lives Matter-inspired 2017 best-seller, George Tillman Jr.'s drama is about 16-year-old Starr Carter, who — like

Stenberg did growing up in South Los Angeles — shuttles between worlds — her predominantly black neighborhood and her largely white, privileged high school.

When she sees a white police officer shoot and kill her unarmed friend, Starr must decide whether to speak out.

Starr eventually finds her voice. Stenberg has, too, but says she's not done growing yet.

"I'm finding my voice right now, as we speak," she said, smiling, in a recent interview.

It's a theme that Stenberg returns to again and again: That whatever label has been put on her isn't necessarily who she is — or who she will remain. "I experience intersections of identity," she says. "Everyone does."

Even the word "activist" doesn't sit quite right with her.

"I made a video that went viral and since then, everything I've said or done has been politicized," says Stenberg, who gained fame from her breakthrough role of Rue in "The Hunger Games."

The video, titled "Don't Cash Crop on My Cornrows," was a high school history

project in which Stenberg analyzed the appropriation of black culture. After Stenberg posted it on her Tumblr, it was watched by millions. One viewer was Thomas, who was in the midst of writing her young-adult novel.

"I remember watching it and I was like: That's exactly who I want Starr to be," Thomas says about Stenberg and her unfolding career. "I can't wait until 10 years from now when I'm like, 'Yep, she was in my adaptation. That's when it really took off.' I'm going to have bragging points on that one."

Stenberg's education began with her mother, who schooled her on the likes of "Roots," "The Color Purple" and Nina Simone. From the age of 10, she commuted from Leimert Park to the Wildwood School near Santa Monica. About four years ago, she began to feel emboldened by others on social media.

On Instagram, she has been a forceful voice on diversity and gender equality. Stenberg has said she removed herself from contention for a "Black Panther" role because she felt the part shouldn't go to a light-skinned woman of color. When some questioned

whether Starr should also be dark-skinned, Stenberg responded thoughtfully about "my role in the quest for onscreen diversity and the sensitivity I must have towards the colorism that I do not experience."

Stenberg came out in an interview earlier this year ("Yep, I'm gay," she said). Last week, after watching Christine Blasey Ford's testimony, Stenberg penned an op-ed for Teen Vogue about her two experiences of sexual assault.

"I would love to change the fabric of Hollywood," she says, laughing at the bravado of how that sounds. "I'm really just being myself. I also think there's a huge movement that's been started and continues that's completely independent of me but that I've been included in now, that's been well on its way for a long time."

Much of "The Hate U Give" involves Starr's relationship with her father, a reformed drug dealer played commandingly by Russell Hornsby. His mentoring of Stenberg, she says, mirrored the film. Hornsby's regular flow of advice was "the best tough love I've ever received," she says.

"She's a beautiful, beautiful spirit," Hornsby says of Stenberg, whose own father is Danish. "The role and her activism and where she's in in life, everything is just perfectly aligned. This is the role she was meant to do."

The production wasn't easy. Stenberg says she had residual trauma for months following the shooting scene and still vividly recalls seeing fake blood on her shoe.

Worse, some scenes needed to be reshot long after the fact, when it was revealed that Kian Lawley, a white actor who had been cast as Starr's boyfriend, had previously been videotaped in a racist tirade. He was recast. "The irony of that was not lost on us," says Stenberg.

What's most striking about the young actor, both on camera and off, is her preternatural poise. □

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'This Is Us' creator Dan Fogelman on 'Life Itself'

NEW YORK (AP) — As in his TV series "This Is Us," jubilant and catastrophic events tend to cluster for Dan Fogelman. Days before his latest and most ambitious movie, "Life Itself," opens in theaters, and the third season of his hit NBC show premieres, Fogelman's house was robbed. The thieves returned later the same evening, smashing through a glass plate door. Fogelman says he had to chase them away.

"There's been a lot of life — really intense life — happening in the last 24 hours," Fogelman said in a recent telephone interview. "There's a movie in there somewhere, I'm sure."

In Fogelman's world, on screen and off, every dramatic low has its silver linings. In "Life Itself," which Amazon Studios will release Friday, the story spirals out, across generations, from a fatal accident on a New York street. Like the tear-inducing "This Is Us," it's a glossy, cross-generational tale of destiny and chance encounters with an A-list cast. Its starry ensemble includes Oscar Isaac, Olivia Wilde, Antonio Banderas



In this Sept. 13, 2018 file photo, Dan Fogelman arrives at the premiere of "Life Itself" in Los Angeles. Associated Press

and Mandy Patinkin. "Life Itself" is Fogelman's second feature as writer-director following 2015's "Danny Collins." (He also penned 2011's "Crazy, Stupid, Love" and co-wrote Disney's "Tangled.") The film will test whether the 39-year-old writer can find the same response on the big screen as he has on the highly rated "This Is Us." (The season two

premiere drew more than 10 million viewers; season three begins Tuesday.) Critics haven't been kind to the boldly titled "Life Itself." (The New York Times called it "utter balderdash.") But, then again, every down has its up for Fogelman.

AP: What for you is the appeal of looking at love through the prism of family

and multiple generations? Fogelman: Whether it's "Crazy, Stupid, Love" or "This Is Us" or this film, you have multiple stories and characters kind of ping-pong off of each other. It's definitely something I enjoy doing. But I've never really thought of it that way. I was never really interested in setting out to write a mob movie, even though I love

mob movies, or a horror movie, even though I love horror movies. For me, the kind of stuff that turns me on is really about people and often about families.

AP: Some of the comfort viewers seem to get from "This Is Us" is that it suggests everyone's life is part of a bigger picture.

Fogelman: My mother passed away ten years ago and it was the kind of body blow of my life, the kind that I wondered if I could get up from. It was very complicated, she died very unexpectedly and very suddenly. And a year after that, almost to the day, I met the woman who would become my wife. My life is now constantly filled with these beautiful, important moments that a key figure in my life is no longer here to share. That feels giant in my basically normal life. But when you expand that and think about the people that came together to bring my mother into life and to lead to me, and the people that came together to bring my wife into the world to lead to her, I think the most ordinary lives become really big and cinematic. □

Taylor Swift, Cardi B set for American Music Awards

By MESFIN FEKADU
Associated Press

Taylor Swift is having a big week: She first broke her long-standing refusal to discuss politics Sunday and now she's going to give her first awards show performance in three years at the American Music Awards.

The pop star will open Tuesday night's show at the Microsoft Theater in Los Angeles, which airs live on ABC at 8 p.m. Eastern. Other performers include Cardi B with Bad Bunny and J Balvin, Mariah Carey, Carrie Underwood, twenty one pilots and Jennifer Lopez. The show will also pay tribute to Aretha Franklin, who died in August.

Swift is nominated for the top prize — artist of the year — where she will compete with Ed Sheeran, Imagine

Dragons, Post Malone and Drake, who ties with Cardi B for most nominations with eight.

Due to their success on the pop and rap charts, Drake and Cardi B earned nominations in both the pop/rock and rap/hip-hop categories. In the rap/hip-hop and pop/rock categories, Drake is up for favorite male artist, favorite album and favorite song with "God's Plan." He has the year's top-selling album with "Scorpion" and also scored three No. 1 hits on the Billboard Hot 100 chart.

Cardi B's collaboration with Bruno Mars, the remix of "Finesse," earned two nominations and she also earned nods for favorite social artist and favorite music video, among others. Her album, "Invasion of Pri-



In this June 22, 2018, file photo, singer Taylor Swift performs on stage in concert at Wembley Stadium in London. Associated Press

vacy," was surprisingly shut of the favorite rap/hip-hop album category.

Rapper-singer XXXTentacion, a streaming juggernaut before his death in June and afterward, earned nominations for

new artist of the year and favorite soul/R&B album for his 2017 debut, "17." He won best new artist at the BET Hip-Hop Awards this month. Sheeran and Malone, who will perform with Ty Dolla \$ign, each earned six nom-

inations. Other performers include Shawn Mendes with Zedd, Camila Cabello, Ciara with Missy Elliott, Ella Mai, Panic! at the Disco, Dua Lipa and Benny Blanco with Halsey and Khalid. The Queen of Soul will be remembered with a performance by Gladys Knight, Ledisi, Mary Mary, Donnie McClurkin and CeCe Winans. The musicians will pay tribute to her gospel roots and her iconic album, "Amazing Grace."

Golden Globe-winning "black-ish" actress Tracee Ellis Ross will host the fan-voted show. Presenters include Tyra Banks, Chloe x Halle, Macaulay Culkin, Sara Gilbert, Heidi Klum, Lenny Kravitz, John Stamos, Amandla Stenberg, The Chainsmokers and Rami Malek. □

Want election results? On West Coast, patience is required

By **RACHEL LA CORTE**

Associated Press

OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP) — If control of the U.S. House comes down to any of the competitive congressional races in Washington state and California, the nation might have to wait days to learn the outcome.

In both of those states, voters can put their ballots in the mail as late as Election Day, meaning the final votes do not typically reach election officials until several days later.

"I could see a scenario where we're waiting a week or so to get results," said Todd Donovan, a political science professor at Western Washington University. "The unfortunate thing is, you take longer and people are going to think something wrong is going on, when in fact, when you take longer, you're more likely to have more accurate results."

Washington is one of just three states that conduct all elections by mail, and it's the only one of those three that allows ballots to be postmarked on Election Day. The system usually leaves about half of the vote outstanding at the end of the night, making it impossible to quickly determine the winner of close races.

In California, which has more than half a dozen competitive races in GOP-held districts, voters have the option of balloting by mail. Those ballots too must be postmarked by Election Day and received no later



In this June 5, 2018, file photo, election workers Heidi McGettigan, Margaret Wohlford, and David Jensen, unload a bag of ballots brought in from a polling precinct to the Sacramento County Registrar of Voters office in Sacramento, Calif.

Associated Press

than three days after that. In past elections, some close California races have not been called for days. In its June primary, more than 67 percent of Californians voted by mail.

Ballots in Washington state will be mailed to voters next week. Three of the state's 10 U.S. House races are being watched nationally as Democrats eye potential gains that could determine control of the chamber. The party needs a net gain of 23 seats nationwide to win back the House.

According to the National Conference of State Legislatures, 37 states and the District of Columbia offer some type of early voting, and 27 states and D.C. offer "no-excuse" absentee voting.

While more than 20 states allow certain elections to be held by mail, only Washington, Oregon and Colorado conduct all elections by mail. Colorado and Oregon both require that ballots — whether they are mailed or dropped off — be received by elections officials no later than Election Day in order to be counted.

Washington state's 39 counties all post their initial results after 8 p.m. on election night. Many counties do daily updates after that, but because of the number of steps involved in ballot verification — including sorting, signature verification and assessment of ballots for extraneous marks — the updates can feel painfully slow for candidates locked in close races and the media organizations covering them.

"Fast is good, and I guarantee you that there's nothing more that the counties want than to get the results out quickly," said Washington Secretary of State Kim Wyman. "But it's more important to make sure that they're accurate."

King County, by far the state's most populous, is the largest of five counties voting in the 8th Congressional District, a closely watched open seat where Republican Dino Rossi and Democrat Kim Schrier are vying to

day.

Wise said that a new tabulation system that came online in 2017 has helped increase the number of meaningful results they can post in the days after the election.

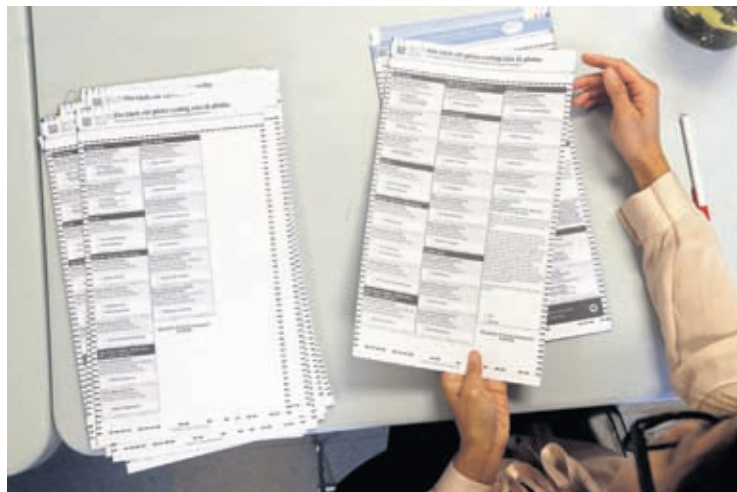
For the August primary, the county posted over half of the 557,000 votes cast on election night. With the new system, the day-after update increased to 45,000 ballots.

But it still takes about a day to go through the entire process, so the bulk of ballots that are brought in from across the county's drop boxes on election night, in addition those still arriving via mail, will not be reflected immediately.

Even states like Colorado, where ballots must be in by Election Day, instantaneous results are not guaranteed.

Lynn Bartels, a spokeswoman for the Colorado Secretary of State, said that even with that firm deadline, mailed ballots require more time because of the procedures that need to be followed to process them.

"It's not like you pull a lever and it all gets tabulated," she said. Washington's system ensures that the state's voters are not disenfranchised by mail delays and allows them to consider their options longer, Wise said. "I think we have a better democracy when we have more people participating," she said. "If we have to wait a day or two longer than others, I think that's well worth it." □



In this photo taken Sept. 19, 2018, an election worker reviews the Vietnamese-language final proof for the general election ballot at the King County Elections office in Renton, Wash.

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In this photo taken Sept. 19, 2018, ballot drop boxes are stored for future use in a warehouse area of the King County Elections office in Renton, Wash.

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